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PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES OPEN A COLLEGE AT EAST HAM.



Their Royal Highnesses arriving in East Ham in the open carriage in which they drove from Marlborough House. Their route through the East End was some six miles in length, and nearly the whole of this was brightly decorated and thronged with immense crowds of people.—(*Daily Mirror* copyright.)



Their Royal Highnesses being conducted round the buildings of the new technical college by the Mayor of East Ham, Alderman Bethell.



The Prince of Wales inspecting the guard of honour formed by the Essex Garrison Artillery Volunteers during the visit of the Prince and Princess to East Ham, when they opened the new technical college.—(*Daily Mirror* copyright.)

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RUSSIANS MAKE A FRESH STAND.

Another Battle Imminent 50
Miles North of Tieling.

CHANGING COMMANDS.

Linievitch Takes the Reins from
Kuropatkin's Feeble Hands.

General Linievitch, in his last dispatch to St. Petersburg, reports that the opposing armies are now drawn up at Tapingtung, some fifty miles north-east of Tieling.

From Tokio there has been no definite news for three days.

The Russian headquarters are now transferred to Senzingkin, about 150 miles north of Tieling.

Russia's financial trouble has been temporarily arranged by raising an internal loan of 200 million roubles (£20,000,000).

BATTLE CONTINUES.

Japanese Pressing the Defeated Enemy and
Gathering Great Spoils.

ST. PETERSBURG, Saturday.—The correspondent of the "Russ" telegraphs from Chantafu that a rear-guard action is being continued without interruption.

The Japanese are pressing in turn the right and left wings.

Columns of Japanese cavalry and infantry are observed advancing north on the west side, their apparent object being to intercept the Russians, who are stubbornly holding the Japanese back.—Reuter.

PARIS, Saturday.—The latest dispatches from Kirin and Harbin report that the Japanese are advancing in such a way as to be able to envelop at any time the Russians, who are retreating rapidly northwards.—Exchange.

TOKIO, Saturday.—Marshal Oyama telegraphs that great quantities of spoils and many prisoners have been captured by the right wing.

The latter is now proceeding rapidly along the Kirin road, trying to isolate and capture the retreating enemy.—Laffan.

COMMANDS CHANGED.

Kuropatkin Transfers Control of the Russian
Forces to His Rival.

ST. PETERSBURG, Saturday.—In a dispatch to the Tsar, dated the 16th inst., General Kuropatkin says:—

"In accordance with the orders of your Majesty of the 15th, received on the 16th, I have transferred to General Linievitch the command of the armed land and sea forces operating against the Japanese."

General Linievitch, in a telegram to the Tsar dated the 17th inst., says:—

"In accordance with the order of your Majesty of the 15th inst. I have to-day assumed the command of all our armed land and sea forces operating against the Japanese."—Reuter.

COLOGNE, Saturday.—A St. Petersburg dispatch states that General Kuropatkin was ordered to return forthwith to explain before a court-martial how 500,000 Russians were routed by an inferior number of Japanese, resulting in the Russian defeat at Mukden.—Laffan.

JAPAN'S PEACE TERMS.

Circumstantial Story Denied by Japanese
Minister in Paris.

PARIS, Sunday.—A "Matin" correspondent states that the Jap proposals for the arrangement of a peace are as follows:—

Russia to resign all claims to Port Arthur and the Liaoning Peninsula, the railway from Khabarovsk to Port Arthur to be in Jap hands, Russia to evacuate Manchuria, which will be given back to China, Russia to recognise the suzerainty of Japan over Corea, and Russia to pay a war indemnity.

The Japanese Minister here denies the accuracy of the Japanese peace terms. The Minister added that until Russia approaches Japan the latter would continue the war, and until then would neither speak nor think of peace.

The "Temps" this afternoon expresses regret at this categorical declaration as closing an incident humanitarily desirable as resulting from the necessity of preventing a further prolongation of hostilities.—Exchange.

INGLORIOUS RETURN.

Rojestvensky's Fleet Said To Be Sail-
ing Homewards.

Shipping circles in the City are speculating largely as to the destination of the Baltic Fleet, in view of its departure from Madagascar.

There is a general consensus of opinion that St. Petersburg has become alarmed by the appearance at Singapore of a large portion of the Japanese fleet, and that in consequence hurried orders have been given to Admiral Rojestvensky to return home.

It is further declared that the Russian ships must return by way of the Suez Canal, as their condition and state of supplies are such that they could never successfully endure the passage via the Cape.

A considerable number of the large Hamburg-American liners recently chartered as colliers by Russian agents have left this country and the Continent to meet Admiral Rojestvensky's ships and provide them with fuel for the journey, each vessel being dispatched with a given rendezvous.

FIRING AT THE TSAR.

Court-Martial Finds That There Was No
Malicious Intent.

ST. PETERSBURG, Saturday.—The inquiry into the incident of January 19, when case-shot was fired by one of the saluting batteries on the occasion of the blessing of the Neva by the Tsar, has definitely proved the absence of malicious intent.

The court-martial has found Captains Davydoff, Captain Kazeff, and Sub-Lieutenant Roth, junior, guilty of neglect of their duty, and has sentenced them to the loss of certain special rights, to dismissal from the Army without loss of rank, and to internment in a fortress.

Lieutenant Roth, senior, will be kept under detention in his quarters for three months with restriction of certain rights and privileges. The Court has also sentenced Gondareff and Apalkoff, gunners, to the loss of certain special rights and detention in disciplinary battalions for two years.

Lieutenant-Colonel Polozoff and Gunner Patrikeff have been acquitted.—Reuter.

BOMB FACTORY DISCOVERY.

ST. PETERSBURG, Saturday.—The secret police of Moscow have discovered an organisation acting in conjunction with the Russian Revolutionary Committee, the headquarters of which are in London. Three hundred arrests have already been made. The police found a store of infernal machines and hand bombs, a large quantity of explosives and weapons, printing presses and a number of revolutionary documents, letters to the Central Committee, and correspondence relating to the plot to assassinate the Grand Duke Sergius.—Reuter.

PRINCE AS EXPLORER.

Duke of Orleans to Head an Expedition to
Polar Seas.

The Duke of Orleans is shortly setting out on an expedition to the Far North.

In answer to an inquiry from the *Daily Mirror* the Duke stated that he is not attempting to reach the North Pole, but is making a scientific expedition to the Arctic regions.

The Duke of Orleans is the head of the Bourbon-Orleans House. He is only thirty-six years of age, and has served in the British Army, having held a commission in the 60th Rifles.

The Duke is addressed by groups of Frenchmen all over the world as King of France and Navarre. On one occasion he demanded the right to serve France as a private soldier, but was imprisoned in the Conciergerie, for no heads of families which have reigned in France are allowed in the country. Later still the Duke was imprisoned at Clairvaux.

The Duke has two residences in England—York House, Twickenham, and Wood Norton, near Evesham, where he usually resides.

ROYALTY AT "THE ROCK."

GIBRALTAR, Saturday afternoon.—The Duke of Connaught, accompanied by the Duchess and their two daughters, arrived here to-day on board the cruiser Essex.

Sir George White, the Governor, with Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg and Vice-Admiral May, immediately proceeded on board to welcome their Royal Highnesses, who subsequently drove to the Governor's residence.

It is announced that Sir George White's term of Governorship has been extended to June 15.—Central News.

PLAQUE KILLS 35,000 WEEKLY.

Plague is raging in India, especially in Oudh and the Punjab, says a Bombay correspondent of the "Pett Journal." As the people refuse to be inoculated with preventative serum the mortality is 35,000 weekly.

THE KING BETTER.

Her Majesty Starts for Lisbon—A
Royal Birthday.

The King continues to make excellent progress. His slight indisposition calls for care, and he is not as yet able to risk going out in this treacherous weather.

On Saturday night his Majesty gave a dinner at Buckingham Palace, to which his Ministers were invited. The Prince of Wales represented the King, whose health did not permit of his being present.

The guests began to arrive shortly after eight o'clock, and passed through the entrance to the courtyard inside the Palace buildings, which was thrown open for the occasion. The band of the 2nd Life Guards played a selection of music during and after dinner.

Queen Alexandra and the royal party with her left Portland Harbour on Saturday morning for Lisbon on board the royal yacht Victoria and Albert.

As the yacht steamed away a royal salute was fired. The sea had calmed down considerably during the night, and the weather was warm and sunny.

Queen Alexandra is expected to land at Lisbon at two o'clock this afternoon. Her Majesty, says Reuter, will leave on Friday or Saturday.

The fifty-seventh birthday of Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, who was born at Buckingham Palace on March 18, 1848, was celebrated at Windsor on Saturday by the ringing of the bells of the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, and of the parish church. A royal salute of twenty-one guns was also fired in the Long Walk, Windsor Park.

BETRAYED BY BOASTING.

Convict Rearrested Through Telling of His
Thrilling Escape to a Casual Friend.

"Speech is silver, but silence is golden." Although Francois Charcot, an escaped French convict, had the above motto tattooed upon his chest he did not realise the strenuous truth of the ancient maxim.

He had done so he would not have been recaptured by the police at Havre on Saturday night. When Charcot arrived in the French seaport about midnight he met an affable stranger at the station and invited him to partake of a cheering glass.

After they had visited several cafés the convict told the stranger that he had escaped from the penal settlement in French Guiana in company with some other prisoners on July 18, 1901.

After suffering great agony for eight days in an open boat, without food or water, under a burning sun, the convicts were about to drown themselves when a Norwegian barque hove in sight and rescued them.

The stranger listened with great interest to the story, and then, begging to be excused for a moment, went out, and returned with three police officers.

£800 PROFIT IN A FORTNIGHT.

Since the suppression of guessing competitions in newspapers, bookmakers in Lancashire, Yorkshire, and the North of England have done a prosperous business in betting by coupons on football results.

One firm in Liverpool is said to have made a profit of £800 in a fortnight.

The police on Saturday raided a public-house at Accrington and arrested fourteen men alleged to have been engaged in gambling of this kind.

ACTRESS WINS £8,000.

Miss Mary Moore last year, according to the "New York World," made £30,000 in mining stocks.

Acting upon the advice of ex-Congressman Levy, a millionaire, both Miss Moore and Sir Charles Wyndham, who are returning to England, have gained £8,000 through operations on the London Stock Exchange.

EARL PERCY'S MARVELLOUS ESCAPE.

Earl Percy, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, had a marvellous escape while motoring at Sandhurst, Kent, on Saturday evening. His motor-car fell over a steep embankment and crashed into a carrier's cart. His lordship escaped with a shaking, and the chauffeur sustained a few bruises. The journey was continued, as the car was not much injured.

BOY KING'S BIG BAG.

MADRID, Saturday.—At the end of the shooting season which has just closed King Alfonso's bag consisted of 300 deer, 4,000 rabbits, 30 hares, 1,942 partridges, 194 pheasants, and a great number of smaller wild birds.—Laffan.

Sunday-schools attached to the Octagon Chapel at Taunton—in which John Wesley used to preach—have been entirely destroyed by fire. The chapel was damaged.

THE OLD "EVENING STANDARD"

And the White
"Evening News."

DEVELOPMENTS.

The many thousands of residents of the West End who regret the disappearance of the "Evening Standard" in its old form should watch the revival of the old "Evening Standard" features in the 6.30 p.m. White Edition of the "Evening News," which will be found at all railway stations, at all newsvendors, and at all leading hotels and restaurants each evening.

One by one the "Evening News" White Edition is installing the news departments that made the old "Evening Standard," so much regretted, a favourite.

The White "Evening News" (6.30 p.m.) is rapidly increasing its Stock Exchange quotations, which will in a few days be as ample as those of the old "Evening Standard."

The White "Evening News" (6.30 p.m.) is adding to its Law Courts staff, its Sporting staff, its Foreign News staff, and its Parliamentary staff.

It will be a 6.30 complete record of the day's news—printed at 6.30, marked "6.30," and not rushed out hastily beforehand for the capture of the groundlings.

TO COUNTRY HOUSE READERS.

Postal subscription for country house readers, including late fee, 9s. 9d. per quarter. Address, with remittance crossed "Cutts and Co.," Manager, "Evening News," London.

IS ETON HEALTHY?

Two Hundred Scholars Isolated Because of an
Epidemic of "Pink-Eye."

"Pink-eye" has broken out at Eton College, causing the isolation of nearly two hundred scholars who are affected.

The complaint is a familiar one, and comes of sleeping in damp rooms or sitting in a draught.

The symptoms are a discharge from the eyelids, making it difficult to open them after sleeping. The complaint gets its name from the peculiar rose tint it gives to the inner surface of the eyelids.

It is most infectious, and is often contracted by using a towel previously used by a sufferer.

The number of visitations of mild epidemics from which Eton boys have recently suffered led the *Daily Mirror* to seek expert opinion on the healthiness of the spot.

"It is undoubtedly low-lying and liable to river fog," said a well-known London family doctor. "I am never surprised to hear of an epidemic of such complaints as influenza and 'pink-eye' at Eton."

LIFE FOR A LIFE.

In Avoiding a School Girl a Motor-Car Kills
a Four-year-old Boy.

Going down a hill at Welwyn a motor-car belonging to Mr. Panting, of Westminster, swerved to one side to avoid a girl running out of school. In doing so, another boy and girl were knocked under the car, whilst on the other side a girl was thrown down by a mudguard.

The boy, Francis Edward Prior, the four-year-old son of an ostler, was killed, whilst one of the girls was taken to the hospital and may not recover.

At the inquest on Prior, at Welwyn, on Saturday, a verdict of Accidental Death was returned, and the driver and owner of the car exonerated.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

By an explosion in a coal-mine at Rushrun, West Virginia, ten persons were killed.

The sudden collapse of the Lyric Theatre at Santiago de Chile has caused a great number of deaths.

Vesuvius is active again, and bomb-like projectiles thrown up from the crater constantly burst in the air.

A Roumanian professor and several pupils were maltreated in a fight at Salonica between Greeks, Bulgarians, and Roumanians, which the police had to terminate with firearms.

FIRST DAY OF THE STRAW HAT.

London's Millions Enjoy the Glory
of Spring.

PERFECT WEATHER.

Hush! not a whispered word! Hark! music, wild and sweet!
The listening air is stirred. "The sounds are in the street."
I hear a murmuring flood. I hear a trembling string.
The sounds are in our blood. The sounds are of the spring!

—John Davidson in the "Outlook."

Spring was in the air yesterday, in the sky, on the road, and over the whole green face of nature.

Birds sang, trees burst into bud, women smiled, the young man cast his winter coat, and the old man crept out of his house to taste again the joys of sunshine.

It was indeed a marvellous day. Sweet, clean air, brought by the furious gales of last week; deep blue sky with never a cloud in it; no dust, no smoke, no fog, mist, or stifling heat to mar the perfection of it all.

City dwellers and invalids are the keenest critics and greatest lovers of the spring. In the country the seasons merge and change imperceptibly. City people wake to the joy of it suddenly. "Winter has gone," they say; "this is really a spring day."

All Main Roads Crowded.

Every main road from London, to the four corners of the earth, was crowded with moving people and vehicles. To those who think cycling out of fashion the Portsmouth road and Great North road yesterday gave the lie. Hundreds of new cycles were in the throng, and to the sorrow of the motorists—hundreds of new cyclists.

When a cycle novice hears a 15-h.p. Darracq behind him he hesitates and is lost. After ten seconds of wobbling he is sitting in the road, with his cycle beside him, smiling inanely at an infuriated chauffeur.

Along the Bath road an occasional glimpse of the river showed that it, too, is not "out of fashion," but is getting ready for a busy season, with its scores of newly-painted houseboats.

In the London parks the crocuses and daffodils told their story of new life to those who could not go further afield, and the sparrows built as busily as their country brethren relations. A straw hat was seen near the Serpentine, and the wearer was not deterred.

The motor-omnibuses in West London reaped a rich harvest, bearing thousands swiftly and easily to the open suburbs.

FLOODS SUBSIDING.

Though on Saturday the Thames was in places six feet above summer level, the floods are gradually subsiding. All locks and weirs are still being kept open night and day.

NICETIES OF CONSCIENCE.

Solicitor Explains When a Lie Is Not a Wilful Lie.

The difference between a wilful lie and a professional lie was explained by Mr. Archibald Newton, a solicitor, at Marylebone, on Saturday.

Rayleigh Hyman, of Shaftesbury-avenue, was charged with stealing banknotes from Mrs. Louis Hodgson, and Mr. Newton, giving evidence, stated that he and Hyman had had drives together on a certain occasion, the latter paying with a "note."

Cross-examined: He had told the police, when not on his oath, that he had forgotten what had taken place.

Mr. Palmer (for the defence): Is your explanation as a solicitor and a gentleman that you told the inspector a lie because you were not on your oath?—What I told the inspector was a lie.

Mr. Plowden: A wilful lie?—No.

Mr. Plowden: Then what kind of lie?

Mr. Palmer: A professional lie?—Yes. You don't always show your hand at once when an inspector comes to you.

Hyman was remanded.

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"MY NOSTRUM."

Lord Rosebery Still Thinks Lord
Kitchener Will Be War Minister.

Home Rule, the decay of the present Government, and the colonial and domestic problems awaiting its successor, and War Office reform, were each in turn dealt with by Lord Rosebery at a meeting of the Mid-Surrey Liberal Association at Epsom on Saturday night.

There was a large and enthusiastic gathering, which constantly cheered the husbandman of the lonely furrow. The following were some of the points of his speech:—

Mr. Redmond might believe it possible for the leaders of the Liberal Party to make an appeal to the constituencies on the question of Home Rule at the next general election; but the question at the next general election would not be settled by Mr. Redmond or the Liberal leaders.

If the cause of Ireland was identified with "dual Government," all he would say was, "God help Ireland," because there would be no response from the predominating partner.

His own Party did not think very imperially about Mr. Chamberlain.

He took it for granted a Liberal Government would be in power after the next election.

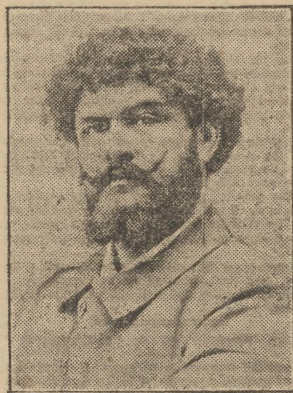
There was a blessed word with which he was proud to be connected, and that was "efficiency."

When he looked at the Japanese and at Great Britain under the present Government, he felt an unbloody sense of despair at the vast gap which separated our modern civilisation from the more ancient civilisation of the Japanese.

With regard to the War Office he had long had his nostrum, and he was inclined to think the country would still come to it—the appointment of Lord Kitchener to the War Office.

Was it not time, when we had the inestimable boon not given to many nations of a great practical administrative General, not to neglect or disregard his services?

M. JEAN RICHPIN,



Author of "The Du Barri," an English version of which was produced at the Savoy Theatre on Saturday night.

READY TO-MORROW.

World's Cheapest Book on the Eve of Publication—Order It To-Day.

Judging by the extraordinarily large advance orders which have been received for the first fortnightly part of "The Harmsworth Encyclopedia," which will be published to-morrow, it seems highly probable that the entire issue will be sold out on the day of publication. The only way of making sure of obtaining a copy is to place an order with the newsagent or bookseller to-day. To-morrow may be too late.

"The Harmsworth Encyclopedia" is absolutely new and up-to-date. It is not a new edition; it is a new work. Every word of it has been specially written by a body of 500 contributors, each one a recognised expert in his own department of knowledge.

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One halfpenny per day secures it. It will be published in fortnightly parts, each containing 100 pages, at 7d. per part.

Owing to his indisposition Sir Henry Irving will not be able to open the Shakespeare Commemoration Festival at Stratford-on-Avon on the 24th prox.

EX-ACTOR'S STORY.

Most Miserable Man in London on
£15 a Night.

SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS.

Mr. Quentin Ashlyn, the converted entertainer, told the story of his conversion at St. George's Hall yesterday afternoon.

"I care not," he said, "what is said about me, so long as people are careful not to put any dramatic gloss upon what I say, just because I have been in the profession." Several people cried "Hear, hear."

Alluding to the fact that he had been described as "the converted entertainer," he said he would much prefer to have been called a "poor, weak, Hell-deserving sinner, saved by Christ."

He told of the time when he was paid £5, £10, or £15 for one evening's entertainment, always making his charges as high as he possibly could, but now they were clearly to understand that not one penny of the collection would go into his pocket.

Tired of Everything Once.

Before his conversion he was tired of getting up in the morning, tired of dressing to go out, tired of the theatre, tired of his profession, tired of his friends, and tired of everything—in short, the most miserable man in all London. Now he was perfectly happy.

Then followed a singular incident. "Would you like me some night this week to give you one of my old sketches just for the last time?" asked Mr. Ashlyn.

Believing him to be in earnest, some of the broader-minded people shouted "Certainly. Delighted. Why not? What harm could it do?"

Others, fearing a "lapse," protested vehemently, crying "No, certainly not;" "Stay over the line;" "Have done with the world," and kindred remonstrances.

"You are right," said Mr. Ashlyn. "You will never hear me give a sketch again. You are too late. You thought I meant it. But that was only my trick to see what you would say."

A few of the congregation laughed and applauded, but it was plain that the sober-minded Christians present did not like such practical-joking. Mr. Ashlyn himself appeared to regret the experiment.

Mr. Alexander's "Claptrap."

Another surprise for his hearers was the confession that in his unconverted frame of mind he thought the singing of Mr. Alexander savoured of claptrap. It was Dr. Torrey's preaching that impressed him.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Ashlyn followed the Torrey-Alexander plan of asking inquirers to stand up; but no one stood.

EVAN ROBERTS'S FRIENDS HOAXED.

It has transpired that a number of the friends and admirers of Mr. Evan Roberts were hoaxed on Friday by a telegram saying that he would hold a meeting at Brongest, near Newcastle Emllyn, that evening. Brakes were hurriedly ordered, and hundreds came from far and near, only to be disappointed.

The mischief is resting at the house of the Rev. Evan Phillips at Newcastle Emllyn, and his moods lately are stated to have been very intense. His health needs care.

CANDLE-LIGHTED SUBURB.

Pickpockets Profit by Gloom Caused Through Failure of Battersea Electricity.

Battersea was plunged into gloom on Saturday night by a breakdown at the electric lighting works, Lombard-street.

The shops in the busy little suburb were full of customers at the time, and trade was temporarily paralysed.

Primitive illumination was speedily requisitioned, and in the free library the odd spectacle was afforded of attendants standing by the side of readers with candles in their hands.

The naph lamps on the coal-tremors' barrows afforded the only light to be seen in many streets, and pickpockets, availing themselves of the gloom, are reported to have reaped a rich harvest.

HEAVIEST WOMAN IN LONDON DEAD

Mrs. Edwards, aged sixty-two, of Newman-street, Oxford-street, who died last Tuesday, weighed thirty-five stones, and for fourteen years had been practically confined to one room.

Her husband was so affected by her death that he died the same day, and the double funeral took place on Saturday.

Mrs. Edwards's coffin was 2ft. 3in. deep and 2ft. wide.

Mr. Balfour was golfing at Sandwich on Saturday, and spent yesterday at Ramsgate.

FOOTBALL KNIGHTS.

Chivalrous Players Rescue Lady Motorists
from Flood.

Members of the Egham football team acted as good Samaritans to motorists in distress on the old road between Egham and Windsor on Saturday evening.

At the point in question the road had been flooded by the overflowed Thames, and a motor-car, containing Lady Paterson and a friend, rushed into the water and was stranded.

The footballers cheerily divested themselves of boots and stockings, and, with great difficulty, heaved the car on to solid ground, enabling Lady Paterson and her companion to proceed, deeply grateful for the kindly act.

The Egham footballers went on their way full of pleasure at having scored an unexpected victory.

M.P. ON "HECKLERS."

The Londoner a Greater Terror to Public Men
Than Any Scotsman.

A London audience furnishes the most troublesome hecklers, said Dr. Macnamara, at an amusing address on "Twenty Years' Platform Experience," at a conversation of the Institute of Journalists on Saturday.

A Scot put a question with a view to eliciting information; but the Cockney heckler would cut in with an impish non sequitur, and the audience always expected the speaker to go one better. If the speaker failed to make them laugh more hilariously, then he was no statesman.

On one occasion Dr. Macnamara was to address a South London Teachers' Association. Before the address he overheard a girl ask her male companion: "Who's going to speak?" "Oh!" replied the young man, "it's Macnamara; he is going to talk about the School Board." "Let's go back to one of the dark steam-rooms," was the coaxing reply of the young lady.

CRADLED IN AGRICULTURE.

New Minister's First Speech Promises Crusade
Against Adulteration.

The first speech of the Hon. Ailwyn Ffellowes since his appointment as the President of the Board of Agriculture was delivered at Peterborough on Saturday.

Almost from the cradle, he said, he had been brought up as an agriculturalist. He belonged to an agricultural family, and represented an agricultural constituency.

He promised that his department would do all it could to assist the farmer in the prevention of disease amongst flocks and herds and in the checking of food adulteration.

"IRISH NOT SPOKEN."

Lord Stanley Disposes of Euse Enthusiast's Amusing Fable.

The Postmaster-General has ruthlessly killed the interesting story of the Irish postcard, which amused the British public the other day.

The little fable was suggested in a question in Parliament by Mr. O'Malley, M.P., who wished to know if Lord Stanley was aware that an Irish speaker who asked in Irish for a postcard at Clifden, Connemara—"one of the most Irish-speaking districts of Ireland"—had to draw a picture of the postcard before he could be understood.

"The hon. member," says the Postmaster-General, appears to have been misinformed.

"I find the fact is that last autumn a person who is described as an 'Irish language organiser,' and who was able to speak English perfectly well, asked in Irish for a postcard, which was supplied to him as soon as the sub-postmaster guessed what he wanted.

"No picture was drawn, and no complaint made, except that my applicant abused the postmaster. He subsequently conversed with him in English."

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MISTRESS STILL HOLDS THE FORT.

More Incidents in the Siege of a Schoolhouse.

DEFIANT AS EVER.

Miss Aspinall, the besieged schoolmistress of Shelton who refuses to retire in favour of her successor, appointed by the managers, still successfully resists all attempts at ejectment.

For over a week she has held the fort, and was yesterday as secure in possession of the schoolhouse as ever.

The chimney, which was blocked up by hostile residents of the village, is still useless, and when on Saturday Miss Aspinall tried to light a fire the room was flooded with such volumes of smoke that she had to give up the attempt.

This, however, appears to have been her only reverse. She remains as cheerfully defiant as ever.

Miss Aspinall on Saturday received from the managers a bill for 14s. for the board and lodging of her successor. She repudiated it with fine scorn.

Then an attempt was made to remove the lock. Miss Aspinall promptly replaced the screws and treated the besiegers with an air of contemptuous derision.

Resented Rustic Attentions.

The schoolhouse yesterday was the object of mingled interest to the rustics of the district, who, freed from their toil on the land, gathered to catch a glimpse of a woman so fearless in her defiance of all that stands, to them, for authority in the village.

Miss Aspinall did not regard these attentions with very much favour.

Fears of a bucketful of water being the outward and emphatic expression of her views caused the rustics to satisfy their curiosity at a respectful distance.

Meanwhile the ex-schoolmistress is constantly showing that she is well-served in every move in this amusing contest and is determined not to evacuate her position.

She has fastened the inner doors of her domicile with ropes, and no one is allowed to venture near until they have been subjected to the most careful scrutiny.

The police have made no attempt to post the magistrate's ejectment order on the schoolhouse door—an omission which Miss Aspinall regards with a knowing air of superior amusement.

REBELS IN ARMS.

Infants at London's Perfidious Celebration of the Paris Commune.

Thirty-five London branches of the Social Democratic Federation celebrated the thirty-fourth anniversary of the Paris Commune on Saturday night.

An essential part of the proceedings was the sending of mutual telegraphic messages as follows:

Live la Commune. Fraternity of the world's workers. Hurrah for the social revolution.

The Hoxton branch, some seventy strong, including two tiny rebels in arms, sat down to boiled mutton, roast beef, potatoes, turnips and cauliflower, celery and cheese.

Afterwards they toasted the memory of those who died for the cause thirty-four years ago, some of the speeches being eloquent, and all of them fervent.

The lighter part of the programme included such songs as "Down Among the Dead Men" and "Toodle-oodle-ny!"

HIS "ACORN" BUTTONS

The following dialogue was heard at the Chesterfield Bankruptcy Court on Saturday:

Mr. Stone (the Official Receiver): What sort of a man was Smith?

Debtor: He had buttons like acorns.

Mr. Stone: Quite a swell! In gold and a top-hat?—No, but he had a ring on his finger.

Mr. Stone: And bells on his toes?

Debtor had said that Smith had taken some cows of his without paying for them.

NO QUESTION OF BLACK-BALLING.

"Pay a dollar and join," Mr. Cope, of the Inland Revenue, was told at the Oval Social Club, Kennington. Having done so he stayed on till five in the morning.

At Westminster Mr. Curtis Bennett said the place was really a bogus club, and inflicted fines of £50 downwards on George Harding, Edward Horsfall, Sidney Neville, and Arthur Dunn, of Lambeth, for assisting in its management.

JILTED GIRL-POET.

Plea of "Mutual Consent" Fails To Save a Verdict.

Poetry which the Judge said was "not at all bad" was read in a breach of promise action at Leeds Assizes on Saturday. The lines occurred at the end of a letter from a young lady to her faithless lover, and ran:—

Remember this, and bear in mind
A faithful lover is hard to find.
But should you find one good and true,
Don't change the old one for the new.
I love you just as much as ever.
If separation be our lot,
Dearest to me, forget me not.

Miss Marianne Lucy Mary Dixon, a milliner of twenty-seven, was the plaintiff-poet, and she had been courted by Mr. Horace Wheatley, a commercial traveller, for eight years, when, last October, he married another lady.

"I forgive you, but I cannot forget," wrote Miss Dixon to the instant one. "If you will be happier with her than the one who has every right to you, we will let it be so." She had known him since she was sixteen. Judge Ridley said the young man seemed to have been on with the new love before he was off with the old.

A plea of "mutual consent" evidently did not weigh with the jury, who awarded Miss Dixon £150 damages.

Mrs. Priscilla Keir, at Cardiff, is suing for breach of promise Thomas Briarly, the grey-whiskered landlord of the Horse and Groom Inn, Pontypridd. She is a trim little widow on the sunny side of fifty, with ten children, and declared in the witness-box that Briarly was called Johnny Buttons and was "a sad deceiver of widows." He said he never intended marriage. The hearing was adjourned.

NEW MEMBER OF THE L.C.C.



Mr. A. O. Goodrich, Unionist, elected as representative of Stepney for the London County Council by a majority of 402.

"NO MONEY OR MOTIVE"

Ex-Alderman Acquitted of Charge of Tampering with a Witness.

The trial at Belfast of Robert Wilson, formerly a builder and contractor, and an ex-alderman, concluded on Saturday with a verdict of Not Guilty.

Mr. Wilson was charged with attempted subornation of Sarah Kempner in a case in which William Morland was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for an offence under the Criminal Law Amendment Act.

The prosecution called witnesses to say that Mrs. Kempner was offered amounts up to £50 to say that her daughter was not under sixteen years of age. She replied that she would not accept £20,000, and it was alleged that the conversation was heard by a detective concealed in the parterre.

No witnesses were called for the defence, but counsel, in an eloquent speech, urged that Mr. Wilson had neither money nor motive to justify him in making any such offer, and the accused was discharged.

LONDON NOT PARIS.

Helplessly bound in a chair in the middle of Shaftesbury-avenue, and surrounded by an amused crowd, Eli Vincent, a negro, of Stamford-hill, was found by P.C. Warburton. It took ten minutes to release him.

At Marlborough-street on Saturday Vincent said he was really a performance similar to those he had given on the Paris boulevards. Observing that London was not Paris, the unsympathetic magistrate fined him 21s.

PRINCE OF WALES AND THE DEMOCRACY.

His Heart with the Workers in Educational Efforts.

LEARNING HINDUSTANI.

It is difficult to realise that only ten years ago these crowded streets were green lanes, that your population has multiplied nearly twentyfold in the last thirty years, and that within your borough one industry alone employs over ten thousand men.

In this passage the Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by the Princess, paid a richly deserved compliment to East Ham on Saturday.

The occasion was the opening of the new technical college and art school, which has just been erected in that suburb at the cost of £22,000.

The municipality, continued his Royal Highness, had rightly recognised that this growth carried with it serious responsibilities, and in this technical institution they were providing that educational equipment for the rising generation which was indispensable if we intended to maintain our place in a great struggle for commercial supremacy.

His heart was with them in undertakings such as this, and he trusted every success might attend their useful and patriotic efforts.

Six Miles of Decoration.

That East Ham thoroughly merited this tribute of the Prince is shown by the fact that the population of this East End suburb has grown from 2,858 in 1861 to 114,000.

East Ham also rose to the occasion on Saturday, and there were nearly six miles of decorated streets and cheering crowds to offer patriotic welcome to the royal party.

On their part their Royal Highnesses responded with a graciousness to the East End inhabitants fully in accord with the traditions of the ruling house.

The Prince and Princess drove from Marlborough House in an open carriage with outriders and positions.

Driving along Victoria Embankment and Queen Victoria-street, their Royal Highnesses entered the East End at Aldgate, and reached East Ham by way of Mile End-road, Bow-road, Stratford High-street, and Romford-road.

On the return journey they drove along Barking-road and through Canning Town, Poplar, and Commercial-road to Aldgate.

It is nine years since their Royal Highnesses—then Duke and Duchess of York—visited the locality.

Prince Studies Hindustani.

The Prince and Princess are making active preparations for their visit to India next autumn.

His Royal Highness, who is a good linguist, is credited with the intention of following the example of Queen Victoria by learning Hindustani—a compliment which is sure to be intensely appreciated by the native rulers.

The wardrobe which the Princess will take with her will be British throughout, and will be placed with firms in the United Kingdom.

VENGEANCE IS THE LAW'S.

Heavy Sentence on the Man Who Thought His Wife Insulted.

Three years imprisonment was imposed by Mr. Commissioner Harrison at Glamorgan Assizes on Saturday on Charles J. Thomas, a young clerk, for stabbing Morgan Crowther at Cardiff in January last.

It was stated that Thomas met Crowther, who is an ex-light-weight champion, and after accusing him of visiting Mrs. Thomas in his absence, stabbed him in the abdomen.

For a time Crowther's life was in danger.

The case for the defence—indignantly denied by Crowther—was that the ex-pugilist called at the house and made improper overtures to Thomas's wife, who was encephalic at the time.

She repulsed him, and her husband stated that when he charged Crowther the latter sneered and drove him to desperation.

PENSION TEA LIQUIDATOR.

Deeming the case to be one of great public importance, Mr. Registrar Hoel, sitting in chambers on Saturday, considered it desirable that the liquidation of Nelson and Company, Limited, should be continued by the Official Receiver.

He also directed that in the event of actuarial assistance being required by the liquidator with a view to the assessment of the claims of pensioners, he should apply to the court upon the subject.

TALKING A CRIME.

Four women, accused of talking for eight minutes on the pavement at High-street, Colchester, were fined 5s. each for having caused an obstruction.

MONKEY AS "BABY."

Trouble Caused by a Baboon "Nearly as Big as a Man."

A monkey "nearly as big as a man" was an element in a curious summons heard at Clerkenwell on Saturday against Mrs. Caroline Skipp, of Storey-street, Caledonian-road.

Mrs. Skipp was charged with—

having "unlawfully set on or urged a certain animal to attack or put in fear" Elizabeth Chapman, on March 9.

The evidence was that Mrs. Skipp, meeting Mrs. Chapman in Binglefield-street, Clerkenwell, exclaimed: "How would you like this for a baby?"

In a moment a "baboon thing, nearly as big as a man," sprang from beneath Skipp's shawl.

It clawed at her neck, destroyed her bonnet, and damaged her cape.

Mr. D'Eyncourt: What is this animal?

Mrs. Skipp: It's a monkey, not a baboon. I admit it's a big monkey. I was going to get medicine for it, as it had a cough. It's the first time it has caused an upset in the two years we've had it. It belongs to my husband.

Mr. D'Eyncourt: What does he keep it for?

Mrs. Skipp: As a pet. It plays with the children. I'm the mother of twelve.

Mr. D'Eyncourt: If you carry a strange animal about, you are responsible for any damage it does. I shall adjourn the case for you to pay complainant 10s.

ALLEGED PIOUS FRAUD.

Lady's Sympathy Awakened by a Tale of a Birth Certificate.

By obtaining names of ladies interested in parochial affairs from the pages of church magazines, William Russell, an ex-convict, charged at the South-Western Police Court on Saturday with obtaining 5s. from Mrs. Lloyd, a lady worker of St. John's Church, Balham, managed to work an ingenious system of fraud.

"I am a former member of the Bible class," he told Mrs. Lloyd. "I am about to enlist, but have spent my last penny in getting my birth certificate, and cannot pay my fare back to Chatham."

Thereupon Mrs. Lloyd lent him 5s., he promising to attend the next evening service and pay her back.

It being stated that many similar cases would be gone into, Russell was remanded.

FAULT OF ST. PATRICK'S.

Excuses for Keeping the Saint's Memory Unwisely and Too Well.

"Do you know what yesterday was?" said Mr. Plowden to Michael Sullivan, charged at Marylebone on Saturday with being drunk.

"St. Patrick's Day, to be sure," replied the man.

Mr. Plowden: I am glad you remembered it.

Go away till next year. The next prisoners were a man and his wife. "I am Irish," shrieked the woman.

Mr. Plowden: Is your husband Irish, too?—No; he is a Protestant.

Mr. Plowden: I suppose you got drunk because you were Irish, and your husband because he wasn't.—(laughter). Go away.

At Lambeth at a charwoman named Smith, having reminded Mr. Francis of St. Patrick's Day received the reply: "You've got the very English name of Smith. I don't know why you should get drunk. Pay 10s."

ACTRESS'S PREDICAMENT.

Annoyed by Leaflets Describing Her as "Miss-ing" and "Possibly Murdered."

Ever since a woman had stated in that court that her daughter, Miss Florrie Kendall, was missing, said Mr. Margrets, a solicitor, to Mr. Corser at Worship-street on Saturday, her cousin, Miss Marie Kendall, with whom she had for years appeared at different "halls," had been subjected to constant annoyance.

Wherever she or her husband, Mr. McCarthy, appeared leaflets were distributed calling attention to the disappearance, and suggestions had even been made that "Florrie" had been murdered. The consequence was that Miss Marie Kendall might be hissed off the stage.

Fresh-coloured and smartly dressed, a girl then stepped into the box and stated she was Miss Florrie Kendall. She had left her cousin, but was of age, and did not intend to return home.

Mr. Corser: Why shouldn't your people leave you alone? If the authorship of the leaflets can be traced, there may be an action for libel.

The new Canadian Cabinet includes no fewer than three members of the medical profession.

KISSED BY QUEEN VICTORIA.

Heroine of the Elbe Disaster Suffers
Fresh Misfortunes.

ILL AND VERY POOR.

Ten years ago Miss Anna Böcker earned world-wide praise by her heroism and presence of mind in the Elbe disaster, when she was the only lady saved from the wreck of that ill-fated vessel with 350 souls on board.

And now, through the bankruptcy of her solicitor, she is almost penniless, as well as broken in health. She is only twenty-nine, but her ordeal ten years ago so affected her constitution that she has been pronounced unfit for a nursing life at Bristol Infirmary, where she sought to enter that profession. The Elbe was bound from Bremen to New York. In the grey dawn the great liner was struck in the North Sea by the Aberdeen boat Cathie, and sank almost immediately.

There were scenes of indescribable horror on board. Frantic men, to their shame and disgrace, fought madly for the boats. Miss Böcker, a little German governess of nineteen, was brutally struck again and again by panic-stricken seamen, but she never lost her head, and strove hard to save others till the vessel sank.

Only 20 Saved—Out of 350.

Only twenty of the passengers and crew were saved by the smack Wildflower from an open boat after terrible sufferings. Miss Böcker was the only lady. She had sustained the courage of her comrades in misfortune by singing hymns continually. When it was known how magnificently she had behaved, Queen Victoria sent for her to Osborne, and warmly congratulated her, kissing her affectionately. The Empress Frederick was also very cordial indeed.

Scores of offers of marriage were sent to her, but she declined them all, and with a modest capital of about £250 set out upon life alone. This little fortune it was that she recently lost.

Now is the time when her friends can show their admiration of this heroine of the sea by helping her to make a fresh start in life. The world has treated her none too kindly so far.

WEAKLY MEN OF LONDON.

Mr. Rider Haggard Says There Is Never a
Fourth Generation.

Mr. H. Rider Haggard is now fairly engaged in his special Government mission to Canada and the United States. On his arrival in Philadelphia he was interviewed simultaneously by a body of reporters, and one of them relates what passed thus:—

Mr. Haggard entered, swept a bow about the room, and sat down facing the semi-circle expectantly.

"Conditions are pretty bad in English cities, especially in London," he said. "Countryfolk are leaving their farms and congregating in the towns by tens of thousands. They think they will better themselves, but they don't."

"In the third generation these country-bred families die out altogether," continued Mr. Haggard. "The London family invariably ceases to exist after three generations—each a poorer sort than the one that preceded it—have lived."

Back to the Soil.

"It is to stem this tide of population setting toward the cities and turn the people back to the soil that my Government wishes to make some effort. As it is, the country is being depopulated, the land is given over to grazing because there are no longer hands to till it, while the sturdy country-folk go to the cities, and, after living awhile in squalor, die."

"That is why I am sent over here. The men in the Government, knowing agriculture is my hobby, thought I might acquire some ideas from this vacant lots cultivation and these farm colonies that might be of use to them in their work."

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ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Mr. T. Russell Williams, of Keighley, has been adopted Labour candidate for Huddersfield at the next election.

While a butcher named Spencer, of Coalville, Leicester, was killing a pig it attacked him and bit off one of his fingers.

At a height of 90ft. above the water level twenty girders of 340 tons weight each are being put into position in the course of building the new bridge over the Tyne.

Still in charge of the police and unclaimed is the valuable large black greyhound which was found travelling without ticket or owner on Friday in a train between Dover and Ashford.

The amount collected on the Stock Exchange by Mr. Smith's elephant, of which a photograph appeared in the *Daily Mirror* on Friday, was over £8. It has been handed to the Salvation Army self-denial fund.

Wild strawberry plants are in full bloom in Honey Pot-lane, East Chillington, close to the Lewes Workhouse, and in the workhouse garden, the master, Mr. F. J. M. Short, has found a black-bird's nest with eggs.

Nepotism has been sternly deprecated by the St. George's-in-the-East Board of Guardians. They have passed a resolution prohibiting any relative of a member of the board being appointed to any office under the guardians.

Mr. Chamberlain has written acknowledging the resolution of confidence passed by the All Saints' Ward of the West Birmingham Liberal Unionist Association, assuring them that he values most highly his long connection with the ward.

A new industry is expected to revivify the fallen fortunes of the Weardale Valley. The demand for spar has become so great that five of the old lead companies have commenced operations, and before long it is expected that some of the old mines will be reopened.

To enable business men travelling in the early morning to shave themselves on the train, hot and cold water is to be supplied by the North-Eastern Railway on certain trains between York and Leeds.

Profusion of flowers at funerals and expensive coffins are much to be deprecated, says the Bishop of Carlisle.

About 8,000 signatures have been obtained for the reprieve of Sarah Ann Pearson, who was sentenced to death at Armagh for the murder of her mother-in-law.

Because his choir arranged to include a pierrot troupe in the programme of an "At-home," the Rev. W. Scroggie, a Baptist clergyman, of Halifax, has resigned.

After a chase of fourteen miles, a lunatic, who escaped from the Lincolnshire county asylum, has been captured. He had barricaded himself in a loft, and fought desperately to prevent capture.

With 426 passengers and 251 bags of mails, the new Cunard liner Cornelia arrived in Liverpool on Saturday, after completing her first round trip to and from America. She rode unscathed through a terrific gale on the 15th.

Lord Avebury, F.R.S., president of the Society of Antiquaries, has promised to preside at the forty-second anniversary dinner of the Newspaper Press Fund, which is to be held at the Hotel Metropole on Saturday, May 20.

A legacy of £8,000, to be equally divided between the Batterside Dogs' Home and the R.S.P.C.A., has been left by Mrs. Roberts, of St. Leonards-on-Sea. Mr. Crossley, of Halifax, bequeathed £3,000 to his private secretary, Mr. Joseph Gledhill.

For the best essay on "The Economical Management of an Efficient Voluntary Hospital," Mr. Edgar Speyer has offered a prize of £100. The competition is limited to paid secretaries and assistant secretaries of voluntary hospitals in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

TIELING, CAPTURED FROM THE RUSSIANS BY THE JAPANESE.



The main street of Tieling, Russia's last stronghold south of Harbin, which is now in the possession of the victorious Japanese forces.

A thrush's nest containing eggs has been found at Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

A census of women who are likely to become electors if women's suffrage is introduced is being undertaken by the Independent Labour Party.

Scarlet fever cases to the number of 2,034, 838 of diphtheria, and eighty-two of enteric are under treatment in the hospitals under London Metropolitan Asylums Board.

As conscientious objection to vaccination is recognised by law, the London County Council is to be requested to withdraw it as a condition precedent of employment as a school teacher.

Amongst the sheep of Scalford, near Melton Mowbray, a mysterious epidemic is prevalent now for the third year in succession. A hundred pounds' worth of sheep have died suddenly this year while grazing.

Regarding a door from an empty house as a useful piece of firewood, May O'Brien, a fourteen-year-old girl of Newport, took it home to her mother. The magistrate fined her 6s., and her mother 10s.

Formerly a well-known Derbyshire cricketer, Josiah Millard was killed by a pit accident on Saturday at Staveley. He was twice married, and his widow has been three times married, two of her husbands having been killed by accident.

Apparently there is a blot upon Parliamentary politeness. Mr. Cathcart Watson is to ask in the House of Commons if, in view of the fact that in the Ladies' Gallery it is often quite dark, inquiries will be made into the possibility of lighting it up.

Bath and steam chambers for the cleansing and purifying of the bodies of persons infested with vermin or parasites have been provided by the borough of St. Pancras. No charge is to be made, and applicants will be treated with every consideration. Last year St. Marylebone borough cleaned 6,442.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Descriptions of the Principal
Photographs in To-day's
"Daily Mirror."

ALL ABOUT THE PICTURES.

ARISTOCRATIC CANVASSERS.

There were a surprising number of aristocratic workers busy in Stepney during the contest for the seat on the London County Council made vacant by the resignation of Lord Malmesbury. Lord Denman, the Liberal candidate, was ill, but his interests were gallantly looked after by his wife, whose photograph, taken while she was driving round the district, appears on page 8.

By common consent Lady Denman, who has also distinguished herself on the platform, was voted one of the best lady canvassers ever seen.

Lord Tweedmouth also helped Lord Denman, while the Marchioness of Tweeddale worked hard for Mr. A. O. Goodrich, the successful Unionist candidate, who defeated Lord Denman by 1,777 votes to 1,375.

PAVED WITH SILVER.

A new and characteristically American idea has been utilised to advertise the new American restaurant in the Strand. The doorstep, of which a photograph appears on page 8, has been studded with new silver dollars, which invariably attract the attention of passers-by. Needless to say, they are not to be picked up, being firmly embedded in the cement.

TSAR'S OLDEST SUBJECT.

Although centenarians are comparatively common, the man whose photograph appears on page 8 is probably the oldest living human being. Ivan Kolnikoff, the Tsar's oldest subject, is 120 years old. In spite of his age he is still active and takes a lively interest in the affairs of Dubovo, a village near Rostoff, on the River Don, of which village he is head man.

RECORD-PRICED BULLDOG.

Eight hundred pounds is a record price for a young bulldog, which has never been shown, and consequently has never taken any prizes. Royal Stone, a photograph of which appears on page 8, has achieved this distinction, but it is probable that he will take many prizes for his new owner before he is much older, for he is said to be as near perfection as a bulldog can be. His grand sire, Champion Rodney Stone, beat every dog ever shown against him in England, and was sold to "Boss" Croker, of New York, for £1,600.

CELEBRITIES AT GOLF.

Several distinguished members of Parliament appear playing golf in our photographs on page 9. To play against the golfers of Formby at Sandwich Mr. Marshall Hall, K.C., took down a team of parliamentary golfers, which included such distinguished men as Mr. A. J. Balfour and the Hon. A. Lyttelton.

A MAGNIFICENT RACE.

One of the finest foot races ever seen was witnessed at Cambridge during the annual meeting between the London Athletic Club and Cambridge University. The L.A.C. team were hopelessly out of it in the mile race, but two Cambridge men, Messrs. A. R. Welsh and F. F. Coggin, ran a tremendous race. They passed and repassed each other, and finally the event was won by the former in the splendid time of 4min. 21.35sec. Our photograph of the exciting finish is seen on page 9.

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ELTERING SWINDLERS.

WHY has there been so much difficulty about getting the names of the contractors who defrauded the British Government during the South African war? Why did anybody want to shield them? Why did the War Office wait nine months before making any inquiry into the Auditor-General's accusations of malpractice in connection with jam and other stores? The reason is that we have got into a very dangerous way of hesitating to detect fraud openly, when the evil-doers are of wealth and position. Upon small and insignificant offenders we come down heavily. Men who steal money-orders are sent to jail at once. A sergeant who cooked his own accounts would be punished without mercy.

Let a Government contractor rob his countrymen on a huge scale, or a dealer bring ruin upon thousands of investors—then we see Heaven and earth moved to punish them from the just consequences of their crime. Prime Ministers assure us that they do not get brought to book. War Secretaries try their best to withhold the names of the defrauders from a rightly indignant public. There is anxiety to prevent swindlers from being brought to book—or, to put it mildly, this class of the guardians of the public purse in bringing them to book—makes a most deplorable impression. The idea becomes current that there is more in such cases than meets the eye. Rumours are set afloat that high-placed officials have trafficked with the swindlers. Distrust is in the air.

Furthermore, people of not very strict integrity naturally say to themselves, "If fraud is considered to be so very wrong on a small scale, why should we be honest in our own way?" The standard of commercial integrity is lowered. The damnable notion is ground that honesty is not always the policy after all.

Until our governing men make haste to detect swindling without fear or favour, the swindlers may be, the nation will have to be robbed as it was during the war, and a cloud will rest upon our old-time reputation for fair dealing and scrupulous integrity in all relations of life.

ARE AND REFRESHING.

An example of the citizens of Lincoln in upon their own shoulders the relief of distress caused by the severe epidemic of influenza, which is now subsiding, deserves recognition and praise.

In fashion nowadays is for any section of community that happens to be in need of help to appeal at once to the general public. Cragging on the largest possible scale is the order of the day. The idea there is anything derogatory in sending the hat is quite out-of-date.

Heavy, in fact, is the shower of "appeals" in all every kind of object that many people think it is time for newspapers to give extending indiscriminate hospitality to horse-leech documents. In one of the German States they have become such sudden that the newspaper proprietors have decided to boycott them altogether.

A self-respect and self-help of Lincoln are as refreshing as they are rare.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

At economy in time of war is a bulwark of strength against the enemy.—The Duke of Wellington.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

THE Countess of Pembroke, whose week-end party at beautiful Wilton House, near Salisbury, included Prince Arthur of Connaught and Lord and Lady Lansdowne, is a delightful hostess. She knows how to keep all her guests amused, without monopolising one or two of them and leaving the others desolate. She is devoted to little children, as, indeed, all society is just now. This is rather bad for the children, who are always being asked out to indigestible parties, and kept up late at night. The number of children's entertainments this year has been enormous. Not long ago Lady Pembroke gave one to children under four years old. They arrived, with many a shriek and howl, accompanied by their nurses, and had, as the Americans say, "the time of their lives" together.

Dr. Henrik Ibsen, who celebrates his seventy-seventh birthday to-day, seems, after all, to have survived the crisis which was supposed to be going to kill him. For months past we have been hearing the most dismal accounts of his health from Norway, and one had begun to think that, like Charles II., he was "an unconscionable time in dying." Now, it appears, he is not dying at all.

worth of the 'Apostles'; and on another occasion he said: "The greatest compliment the British nation could have paid Elgar is to have taken—as it did—twenty years to discover him."

Yesterday was "Show Sunday" for artists outside the Royal Academy's ranks. Next Sunday a few of the R.A.s and Associates will open their studios for advance views of their year's work. But the fashion of sending out Show Sunday invitations broadcast is quite on the wane. People only go now to the studios of those whom they really know, and many painters do not trouble to have any "show" at all. The real reason is, I think, that so very few purchases have been made in recent years.

I am not surprised to hear that Miss Mary Moore, who is now on her way back to London after a most successful tour in America, should have made no less a sum than £8,000 in skilful speculation out there. Miss Moore has always proved herself a clever woman of business as well as a charming actress. Her friends in the City give her advice certainly, but she herself decides upon the advice given, and always makes the most of it. She is now, as a result, that extraordinary phenomenon,

MRS. BROWN-POTTER'S NEW PLAY AT THE SAVOY THEATRE.



though he is no longer able to go every morning to take his brandy and soda, after lunch, in the Grand Hotel at Christiania. This used to be considered as immutable a feature of life in the Norwegian capital as the Grand Hotel itself. Every day regularly at one there was Dr. Ibsen, bespectacled, and looking very cross, reading the daily paper in the window of the hotel.

Perhaps the only pleasure which life still had for the saddened man was this one. He always bore himself proudly erect on his way to the hotel—fully conscious of the crowd which gathered to watch him. It is said that places used to be engaged opposite Ibsen's window at the hotel, and that people paid large sums to see him sipping the brandy. Sometimes, if you were in luck, you might see him doing more extraordinary things than that. Often he would produce a comb from his pocket, and, observing himself narrowly in a mirror which he kept inside his hat, he would carefully comb his whiskers and hair. Both the tourists who watched him at these occupations and Dr. Ibsen himself must regret that such innocent delights are now denied him.

The Duke of Westminster, who has been very successful on the Turf lately, celebrated his twenty-sixth birthday yesterday. To be twenty-six, and a Duke, and a millionaire is a fate that falls to few in this humdrum world. The Duke, besides, is married to a charming woman, who has given him a son and heir, so he ought to have nothing to worry about. And certainly he does not look as though he worried much. There is a yes yet not a line in his youthful face. He makes a point, by the way, like his grandfather before him, of never betting either on his own or other people's horses. He loves racing therefore disinterestedly, "for racing's sake."

Dr. Richter, I am glad to hear, is rapidly recovering from his illness. He will conduct a Richter concert at Queen's Hall on the 27th, and will commence rehearsals at Covent Garden soon after that date. One remarkable point about the great conductor is that, after having spent so much of his life in the service and cause of such a musical Titan as Wagner, he should yet be found amongst the most ardent champions of a newer composer. I refer to his great admiration for Elgar. It was only recently that Dr. Richter remarked to a friend, "I give the British public ten years to find out the

an actress with plenty of money." Most of the money she has won by her own energy and intelligence; some she owes only to luck.

Not very long ago she was left a large sum by a mysterious Jewess who was well known in society about five years ago. This was Mme. Gabrielle. Mme. Gabrielle, who was a sister of the late Mr. Sampson, for some years City editor of the "Times," took an immense fancy to Miss Moore. She was an unaccountable person, and used to disappear suddenly from London and be no more heard of for a year or so. Then she would reappear and greet her friends as though she had quitted them the day before. She had, like the late Mr. Gladstone, a strange predilection for postcards. Most of her dinner invitations were conveyed, in an illegible hand, in this public way, and the legacy to Miss Moore was, I believe, found written on a postcard, too.

Mlle. Genée, the Empire dancer, who has discovered one of the disadvantages of being popular by learning that she has a fraudulent "double," is a Dane, but she speaks English with only the shadow of an accent, and seems quite at home, living with an uncle and aunt, over here. Perhaps the fact that she comes from Copenhagen, Queen Alexandra's first home, may have led the Queen to take an interest in Mlle. Genée. Anyhow, her Majesty admires her dancing as much as anyone, and was very pleased when the Duke of Devonshire asked her down to perform at Chatsworth at Christmas-time.

THE "DU BARRI."

Mrs. Brown Potter's New Play at the Savoy Theatre.

Mrs. Brown Potter is certainly plucky and, one must suspect, ambitious. Saturday night saw the production of the long-expected and much-postponed "Du Barri" play at the Savoy Theatre. She is plucky in that she has tried to do so much, and ambitious in that she has considered herself above accepted conventions.

The play itself is of the type which one associates with the old Adelphi—acute melodrama. It is produced in a way which one has grown to consider the prerogative of Mr. Tree.

As a basis for melodrama or "production" the story of the Du Barri is excellent. The romance of a little milliner who, from trimming bonnets, becomes the favourite of the ill-fated Louis XV. of France, spends money like water, and ends her career on the scaffold of the guillotine among the "aristocrats," is dramatic enough in all conscience.

The play opens with the milliner's shop. L'Ange, the pretty assistant, is attracting all attention. Gorgeous galleons crowd to see her, including the famous Comte du Barri, known as "The Roué." He wins her. This is the prologue.

The opening of the play proper, some years later, is a gorgeous supper-party, when this new star in the Court of Beauty is to be presented to the King, and Du Barri is induced to marry her so that she may have the entrée at Court. Louis enters the room to find her standing on a chair proposing his health, and at once falls a victim to her charms.

THE POWER OF BEAUTY.

Next comes the triumph of her power. She is the greatest woman in France. Her levée is attended by the highest in France, including the King. She "keeps the portfolios of Ministers under her pillow."

But—and here comes Adelphi melodrama with a vengeance—there is a faithful lover worshipping at a distance. He reappears, and she is suspected, and her power wanes with the jealous King.

Next follows a fête to the King and Court. The faithful lover is there in disguise. Discovery follows and disgrace comes immediately on its heels. She is cast off and forbidden the Court.

Before the next scenes the Revolution has taken place. The Du Barri is sentenced to death; so is the faithful lover. She saves his life at the cost of her own, and goes to the scaffold among the execrations of the populace.

A fine old Adelphi drama, in short, mounted with taste and lavish expenditure, and presenting a really gorgeous series of splendid stage pictures.

That Mrs. Brown Potter has a distinctive personality no one would think of denying, and her acting has the charm of that personality throughout. Considering the wiles she lavishes on the King, it is little wonder he is her slave.

Mr. Gilbert Hare, as Louis XV., fully shares the honours with her. He is quite a king. He really ought to have been one. As he is also responsible for the "production," his share in the play is a large one. Mr. William Abingdon, as the Comte du Barri, is villainous and melodramatic to a degree.

Of the rest—they are the Adelphi revived.

A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Mr. Arnold-Forster.

WHATSOEVER the contractors may have done in the way of cheating the country over war supplies, the man who will have to bear the brunt of the public indignation will certainly be the Secretary for War.

And he has plenty of enemies who will do their best to see that he escapes none of it, and few friends to stand by him.

He is not a popular man. He is too overbearing in his manner. There has always been something aggressive about him. He has a way of blurting out unpleasant truths and hard criticisms.

He criticised the Navy till he was given office at the Admiralty, and then he criticised the Army till he won his position at the War Office. Now he is suffering from criticism himself.

That he is a man of ability—especially business ability—is beyond question. And he works tremendously hard. He is wonderfully well-informed, too, but one of his great troubles is that he knows it. He is always prepared to put other people right, and they do not like it.

His health is not good, which gains him sympathy, and everyone realises that he has worked under difficult conditions at the War Office. But he certainly has not done as much as was expected of him.

IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 19.—There are a great many plants which, instead of only flowering for a few weeks, bloom profusely for two or three months. The pansy and viola will be in flower very soon now, and with a little attention can be induced to put forth their blossoms all the autumn.

The doricum, gallardia, and corceps are wonderfully free bloomers, the two latter flowering from early summer until the frost comes.

Let me recommend every gardener to grow *Erigon speciosum* (Pfeiffer's), as its lovely violet-purple flowers are produced over a very long period.

E. R. T.



NEWS BY CAMERAS

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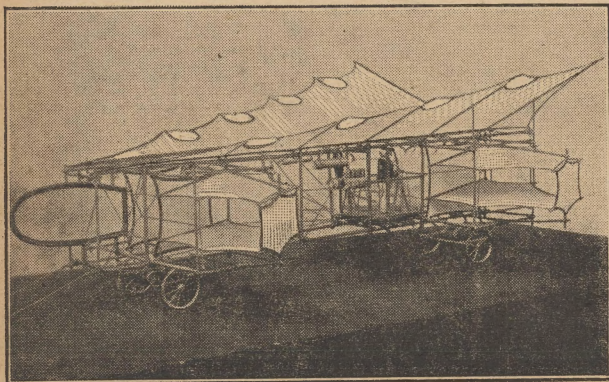
Lord Denman, who was one of the candidates for the L.C.C. at the Stepney election, was unable to be present on the polling-day owing to illness, and Lady Denman watched her husband's interests. This photograph was taken as her ladyship was driving round the polling booths.

DOORSTEP STUDDED WITH SILVER DOLLARS.



To ensure its attracting the attention of passers-by the proprietors of the new American restaurant in the Strand have had its doorstep studded with bright new dollars.

MODEL OF THE LATEST FLYING MACHINE.



Dr. Barton, who has invented a new flying-machine, is exhibiting this interesting model of it at the Motor-car Exhibition now being held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington.

£800 BULLDOG.



This young bulldog, Royal Stone, has been sold for £800, a record price for a dog which has never been exhibited. This animal is the grandson of Champion Rodney Stone, which was sold for £1,000.

TSAR'S OLDEST SUBJECT.



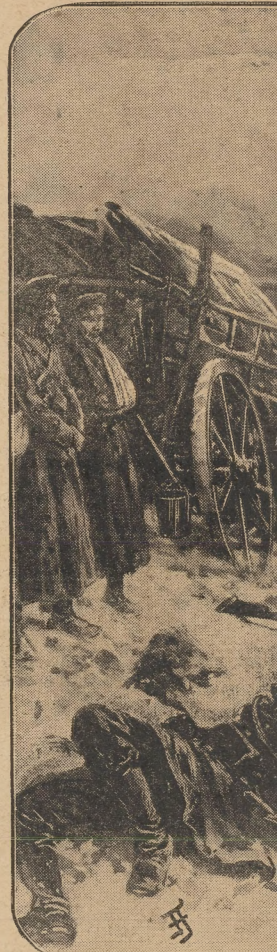
Ivan Kolnikoff, overseer of the village of Dubovo, on the Don, is the Tsar's oldest subject. Although 120 years of age, he is still an active man.

TWIN TENNIS CHAMPIONS.



The twin brothers E. R. and C. G. Allen, who have recently won many lawn-tennis prizes in the Riviera, are so much alike that, to help people to distinguish one from another, one parts his hair on the left and the other on the right side.

TERRORS



The advance guards of the Japanese Russian army, scattering them.

BARN DOES SERVICE



At Erdagan, on the east of Mukden into a church. Here the soldiers of Kuroki, are seen going in to

PICTURES OF EVENTS



RUSSIAN FLIGHT.



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flicting further heavy losses upon them.

CH FOR RUSSIAN SOLDIERS.



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Regiment, who fought in the army defeated by
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CELEBRITIES AT GOLF.



Mr. Balfour playing for the parliamentary team which defeated the golfers of Formby at Sandwich on Saturday. The Premier lost his match by two up and one to play.



Mr. Marshall Hall, K.C., who captained the team of parliamentary golfers, playing in the match against the Formby team at Sandwich.

ATHLETIC RELATIVES.



The Hon. A. Lyttelton playing for the parliamentary golfers against Formby, and his nephew, the Hon. G. Lyttelton, putting the weight for the Cambridge University against the London Athletic Club.

CLOSE FINISH TO A SPLENDID RACE.



There was a splendid contest in the mile race at the meeting between Cambridge University and the London Athletic Club on Saturday. A. R. Welsh (Trinity, Cambridge) beat H. F. F. Coggin, of the same college, by a foot in 4min. 21 3-5sec.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY—SCOTLAND BEATS ENGLAND.



Scotland trying to pick up during the Rugby match against England, which the Northerners won by 8 points to nil.



Brought down—an incident in the great England v. Scotland Rugby match, played at Richmond on Saturday.

ART WORLD INTERESTED BY AN ARTIST OF EIGHTEEN.

PORTRAIT OF HISSELF

AGED 17

AUSTIN O SPARE

1904

A great deal of attention is being attracted by the book of drawings called "Earth Inferno," which Mr. Austin Osman Spare has just issued through the Co-operative Publishing Society.

There are many horrible imaginings in it, but they are set down with so much power that Mr. Spare's future is being talked about with keen interest.

He is the son of an ex-constable of the City of London Police Force, and is only eighteen. Last year he had two striking black-and-white pictures in the Royal Academy, and he is sending contributions to Burlington House again this year.

Until recently it would have been very hard for a poor boy in Spare's condition of life to get a good art education. Nowadays, with so many polytechnics and so many chances offered to talent, this presented little difficulty.

Austin Spare always signs his drawings "One," because he once picked up a golden skull bearing the word "One" in opals. On the night he picked it up he dreamed that as long as he kept the trinket he would be lucky. So far his dream has come true.

He is a great believer in dreams. He dreamed on another occasion that he would be president of the Royal Academy, and he means to be if he can.

This picture is something between a portrait and a caricature of himself. It is certainly a notable piece of work.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

"TOO OLD AT SIXTY."

May I suggest that a cartoon of the future Liberal Front Bench, with those eliminated who are "too old at sixty" (to quote Mr. Winston Churchill), would be of much interest to your readers?
75, Chester-square, S.W. LAURA WANKLYN.

"DAILY MIRROR" LYCEUM WEEK.

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Drayton-gardens, S.W.

OBSERVER.

LUGGAGE ON THE "UNDERGROUND."

If "Guy G. Maynard" had looked further into the placards appearing with respect to his question he would have seen that only luggage unaccompanied by passengers will in future not be carried when the railway is electrified.
H. FROST.

Upper Richmond-road, Putney.

"BLIND, DEAF, AND DUMB."

Will you kindly allow me to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, receipts of the following donations for the case of poor Thomas Edges, the blind, deaf, and dumb man, who is now in the Mile End Workhouse, for whom an appeal was made in the pages of the *Daily Mirror* of March 7?

Miss Sharpe, 25s. George Gibbs, 10s. Rev. Dr. Pausser, 5s. H. W. Hookham, 5s. B. W. Park, 5s.; "Sympathiser," 10s.; and in smaller sums 33s. 6d. (Rev.) F. W. BOTHEFOYD (Chaplain).

FLIRTATION OR FRIENDSHIP?

"Worried" is not a flirt. She is probably one of those bright, sympathetic girls, brought up among men, who consequently converse with them freely and guilelessly.

Some of her friends have mistaken this for affection.
BACHELOR.

Rushden, Northamptonshire.

It is the vanity of men which makes them suppose that any woman who talks to them frankly and with interest is a flirt. They are always imagining that women are in love with them.

This makes friendship between men and women very difficult. Women can make friendship without any thought of deeper feelings. Scarcely any men can put love out of their thoughts.

A WOMAN WHO HAS SUFFERED.

SMOKING IN THE HOME.

I do not agree with "A Smoker's Wife" that a man is not satisfied with his home unless he smokes. I have been married twenty-six years, and my husband has never smoked a pipe or cigar since I have known him.

Before I was married, if my future husband had smoked in my presence, I should have thought that my company was not sufficient for him.
FOLKESTONE.

A NON-SMOKER'S WIFE.

I have been a smoker for over twenty years, and I think it does me good in more ways than one. Has "H. L. Green" noticed that tobacco acts as an antidote to most infectious diseases? Not only that, it consoles and comforts a man after mental work and worry.

I think one hardly ever sees a man smoking and looking miserable or unhappy.
BATH.

CECIL J. COLLINS.

and comfort—all white, with fittings of oxidised silver and pale blue enamel, and the wide open windows led on to a balcony full of flowers; the night air filled it with fragrant scents from the garden, and the bright fire and the rose-shaded lights filled it with a cosy and cheerful glow, and she was lulled and soothed by the gentle lapping of the sea.

Suddenly roused from this well-being, and seeing Joan so pale and with such a strange look in her eyes, Vanna immediately feared that something must be wrong.

She jumped to her feet, asking anxiously:—"Don't you feel well, child? You look like a ghost. You have overruled yourself. You mustn't do it, Joan. I just as you were getting your colour back, too!"

"There is nothing the matter with me, mother," the girl answered. "I'm not at all tired, and I couldn't sleep until I had seen you. I want to tell you something. I—I don't ever want to keep anything from you again; and now that it is done, I want you to know."

"What is done?" asked Vanna sharply. She had laid aside her book, and was regarding her daughter with an intent scrutiny, as if she were trying to read something behind that pale, serene face.

"I have seen him, mother."

"Seen whom?"

"Him."

"Do you mean Anthony Heron?"

"Yes."

"But where? How can you have seen him?"

"Up there in the mountains, in the little chapel."

Suddenly Vanna burst into a shrill laugh.

"I congratulate you, my daughter!" she cried bitterly. "So it was a trick—that wonderful dream!"

"Mother!" exclaimed the girl, uncomprehending, but agitated.

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A MAN IN A MILLION

By CORALIE STANTON
and HEATH HOSKEN.

CHAPTER LXII.

There is no greater strength than this—when the weak vanquish the strong.

Joan met Billy clambering up the rock to fetch her, when she was about half-way down.

The damage to the car, he said, had been repaired, and they must lose no time in getting back.

"I thought you'd have been down ages ago to see what had become of us," the young man said. Personally, I couldn't have amused myself in that chapel all this time."

"Have you been very long?" queried Joan.

"More than an hour and a half. Didn't it seem long?"

"No," she said, with a far away note in her voice, "not as long as that."

She did not tell him that Anthony Heron was up there, that in that lonely little chapel they had taken a last farewell of each other, that now she understood why she had dreamed that strange and mystifying dream. That meeting had no meaning for anyone but her.

When they reached the place where the motor-car was waiting the setting sun was bathing the atmosphere in a flood of crimson and gold.

Away across the valley the snows grew rosy. The western sky was barred with flaming streaks of crimson, and against the wonderful blue depths it seemed as if rubies and sapphires were set together in some enormous and supernatural jewel worthy to crown the head of Nature in her moments of greatest majesty.

As they slid slowly down the hill Joan looked back. Up by the little white chapel on the rock she saw a black figure silhouetted. She left him—alone with the glories of that marvellous scene, which might have comforted some men, but to him was, as any other place on the wide earth, fair or forbidding, merely a desert.

They reached the villa in safety, though very late.

Joan did not seem at all tired, but she was rather silent, and only put in a few words every now and then, while Billy enthusiastically described the expedition in minutest detail during dinner.

"And was it really anything like what you saw in your dream?" asked Lady Betty incredulously.

"It was the very place," the girl said quietly.

"That's very strange, and I don't think it's quite a healthy sign. You must take a tonic, my dear."

Joan shook her head, with a strange little smile. "I don't think I shall dream any more things like that, dear Lady Betty," she said; and no one thought of attaching any special meaning to what she said.

Vanna appeared to be in the highest spirits. She had won again, after spending a considerable portion of the day in the Rooms, and she had bought a hat at Lenthéric's out of her winnings that was positively the most becoming piece of millinery she had ever worn.

After they had all bidden each other good-night and gone to their rooms Joan knocked at her mother's door.

She had changed her dress for a soft white wrapper, and all her glorious hair was tumbled over her shoulders, and she looked very young, and the transparent, spiritualised look that illness had given to her face was more marked than ever.

"What is the matter, child?" asked Vanna, who had just settled herself with a book and a cigarette before the fire. Her room was a marvel of beauty

A FALLEN STAR.

Why General Kuropatkin Is Now
on His Way Home to Russia
in Disgrace.

In a comfortable carriage on a Great Siberian Railway train sits a man plunged in despair.

The train is going towards St. Petersburg, whence this man set out little more than a year ago to take command of Russia's great Manchurian army, which was to crush the "insolent Japanese monkeys" in a few months.

Now he is going back in disgrace. His command has been given to another. He knows that the coldest of welcomes awaits him in the capital. He sees that the only thing for him to do is to live quietly and obscurely for the rest of his days.

Yet Kuropatkin has only failed where even a Napoleon might not have succeeded. Among Britons, although we are the allies of Japan, there is much sympathy for Russia's fallen idol, albeit his Manchurian campaign is unadorned by a single victory, and only slightly brightened by a series of creditable retreats.

It is strange now to recall the message in which the Tsar summoned him to the head of "my valiant army, to defend the honour and dignity of Russia and her sovereign rights in the Far East," and conferred upon him "the Order of Alexander Nevsky, in brilliant."

Kuropatkin was a self-made man. He rose from the peasant class, and advanced by dint of great abilities. In 1898 he was an obscure lieutenant without influence—a mere serious drawback in Russia than in the more enlightened nations of Europe.

THE MAN THE ARMY WANTED.

He petitioned his colonel to join the Khokand expedition, and the colonel refused, dismissing his application along with many others.

Eighteen hours later the colonel came out of his apartment and found the young officer still waiting to speak to him.

"Very well, you can go," he said. "You're the sort of man the army wants." He entered the army at eighteen and was a major-general at thirty-four. He is now fifty-seven, and the great reputation he had painfully won lies in the dust.

Those who cried out upon his appointment as supreme commander, and claimed that he had only the ability of a good divisional leader, were in the right after all. He has not proved himself a first-class leader, and his faults of tactlessness and obstinacy have developed with disastrous effects.

Certain incidents of the campaign may be quoted to make this clear.

Generally speaking, his method has been to proclaim, loudly and indiscreetly, exactly what he was about to accomplish, and then to proceed not to accomplish it.

During the many days' battle round Liao-yang he was for ever proclaiming his intention of taking the offensive. In one of his dispatches to the Emperor he announced that he was now, once and for all, to begin the attack. Within forty-eight hours he carried out this intention by evacuating a stronghold which he had fortified at the cost of over a million sterling.

He then began to retreat. He retreated calmly and appeared unshaken, but he retreated. In the midst of failure, with the cannon of Liao-yang thundering around him, he seemed quite unmoved.

A MAN IN A MILLION.

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"You had arranged it all," Vanna went on, heedless of the look of horror on the girl's face. "I see—oh, yes, I see! My God, is there no one on the face of the earth whom one can trust?"

"But, mother," the girl cried, with sudden vehemence, "what do you think I have done?"

Vanna looked at her with blazing eyes.

"Is it not clear?" Vanna began one morning with some fine story about having seen a certain place in a dream, and Billy immediately recognises it. You ask him to take you there. You go. And you come back and tell me that you have met Tony Heron there! What else can I imagine but that you arranged to meet him there, and made up the dream to put us off the scent? Good heavens, is Billy in it, too? Are you all conspiring to deceive me?"

"Mother, I am sorry you can think such a thing of me," said the girl quietly, and very sadly. "You said the other day that you had never understood me—I am afraid it is true."

"Do you mean to tell me that it was an accident? What was Tony Heron doing up in the mountains, in a deserted chapel, on just the very same day that you happened to go there? My dear Joan, do you take me for a fool? I am sadly disappointed. If this is to begin all over again I shall go mad."

"It is done with for ever," was the grave reply. "He was sent there, mother, just as I was."

"Sent there! By whom?" asked Vanna contemptuously.

"Let me tell you everything. Don't judge me until you have heard. You know how I wanted to see him. How I asked you every day to send for him, and you wouldn't?"

"Because I knew that no good could come of your seeing him again."

He has never shown cowardice. Indeed, he has taken failure with a strange stolidity.

Before he took up the command his methods were the same. He showed the Tsar on paper what he was going to do—how he was going to concentrate 380,000 men in Manchuria. In reality, and in spite of the constant dispatch of fresh troops, Kuropatkin had never enough men, never enough heavy guns, never enough transport. He seems to have trusted to the ikons he carried about with him to supply these worldly and necessary things.

He has been a most popular leader with the men—as popular as General Buller is with British soldiers. He has never shown favoritism. A significant proof of that is found in the fact that his brother was, until quite recently, filling an obscure position in an obscure town named Osh.

"Patience, Patience, Patience"—that pathetic message of Kuropatkin's to the Russian people sums up his whole achievement. He has shown almost nothing but patience. But you cannot defeat a nation "proud in arms" and roused to its very depths, simply by being patient.

Still, in fairness to Kuropatkin, it must be remembered that he was dead against the Manchurian campaign from the first. He persisted in telling the Tsar: "We are not ready for war, and there is nothing to be gained by it." But the Grand Duke's stern advice of the man whose reputation is now under a cloud because his own warning words were unheeded.

Russian society has always been against Kuropatkin, mainly because he took his own way in the personal matter of choosing a wife. His marriage was a love match, that set social sentiment completely at defiance.

One bad fault has always characterised Kuropatkin. He hates England. An English lady who spent some time in Russia relates that at the dinner-table of a high Court official Kuropatkin would make frequent insulting allusions to her late Majesty Queen Victoria. He was reminded by his host that an English lady was present, but he had only enough gallantry to desist for a time, and finally our countrywoman left the room in disgust.



Since their latest defeat Russian Journalists are more down on England than ever. Here is a St. Petersburg comic paper's idea of "an English lady of title."

"You did not understand. I could not tell you. I couldn't tell anyone until I had told him. I seemed to know, after you had refused so often, that it was no good asking any more, and that, if I only waited patiently, I was bound to see him again—once. And then I had this dream, and I saw the little chapel among the mountains, and Billy recognised it, and he took me there. I did not know, mother, why it was that I had to go. When we got there I saw it just as in my dream, and it was all decked with flowers, mother—and Billy had not seen it like that, and it only happens once a year."

Vanna's face had lost its expression of anger and scorn. Her features became fixed into a look of amazement that deepened slowly into awe.

"Do you swear that you are telling me the truth?" she asked.

"I am telling you the truth," Joan said solemnly. "Billy and I stayed for a little while in the chapel," she went on; "then we went down again—you have to clamber up and down a steep, rocky path—and we should have gone away again then, only something happened to the motor-car. It was a long job to repair it, and so, while Billy and Hawkins worked, I went up again to the chapel, because it had fascinated me and I wanted to see it again—and I found him there."

"But how had he got there?"

"Quite by accident. He had been motoring, too; and had come up from the other side, because he thought there must be a fine view."

"It sounds like a miracle," murmured Vanna. "Oh, it is all too difficult to me! How could it be that you were meant to meet? What reason could there be for it? What could such a meeting possibly do but harm and bring misery?"

"I had something to say to him," Joan answered, with a light of exaltation shining in her wonderful eyes. "It was something that came to me while

POINTS FOR PLAYGOERS.

This Week's Theatres and Future Productions of Interest.

On Saturday evening Mr. Tree will revive "A Man's Shadow."

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Three Hamlets threaten us at once—Mr. Tree, Mr. H. B. Irving, and Mr. Martin Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendal are back in London again, and open at the King's Theatre, Hammersmith, to-night.

"Leah Kleschna" is to be Sir Charles Wyndham's Easter Monday production at the New Theatre.

Mr. J. W. Turner's Opera Company will play six different operas in English at the Fulham Theatre in the course of the week.

The dramatic version of Mr. Halk Caine's "Prodigal Son" is due at Drury Lane in September. It has been altered so as to allow a happy ending.

Miss Eva Moore is to play Lady Mary Carlyle, the beauty of Bath, in Mr. Lewis Waller's revival of "Monsieur Beaucaire" at the Imperial Theatre.

Sir Henry Irving's doctors have advised him not to undertake the extra work of opening Mr. Benson's festival week at Stratford-on-Avon on April 24.

Mrs. Lewis Waller is appearing at the Kennington Theatre this week. To-day she produces "The Admiral's Lady," and during the week will also play "Zaza" and "Vilma."

Miss Maxine Elliott will commence a London season at the Lyric Theatre on Easter Monday, April 24, with "Her Own Way," a play of modern life in New York, by Mr. Clyde Fitch.

Mr. George Alexander takes Mr. Bernard Shaw's one-act play, "How He Lied to Her Husband," into the programme at the St. James's Theatre to-morrow evening, and so make up a triple bill.

Though "The Knights of the Road" will shortly be taken off at the Palace, owing to several long-standing engagements, its success has induced the management to arrange for other productions of the same kind very soon.

BUSONI POPULAR AT LAST.

It would seem that the British public has at last "discovered" that king of pianists, Busoni. People crowded to his recital on Saturday, were rewarded with an amazing display of pianoforte playing, and rewarded him again with an ovation at the close.

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Wonderful varieties and shades of tone, too, does Busoni obtain from the "household" instrument. In a Bach fugue he drew a big organ-like volume of sound from the huge concert grand, imitating the effect of organ pedals wonderfully. In contrast to this was his ethereal delicacy of tone in the Chopin barcarolle.

I was ill. I told you, mother, that I could not tell anyone else."

"And did you tell him?"

"Yes."

"And what did he say? Is he content now to let you go?"

"Yes."

"And will you tell me now what you have told him?"

In a few words Joan repeated that tender message that she had heard whispered, while she hovered around the gates of death, the message of love and forgiveness and hope that she firmly believed had been given to her for her comfort and for his.

And Vanna was deeply moved and yet, knowing the man, and being so much more like him in nature, she could not understand how he had received it, or how it had satisfied him, or comforted him, unless, indeed, another miracle had been wrought, and that in his heart.

"And then you parted?" she asked in a whisper.

"Yes. I went away. I left him there. I met Billy coming up the hill to find me."

A strange smile twisted Vanna's lips. She saw unconscious symbolism in the girl's last words. But all the bitterness was gone from her heart; she was full of pity and of reverence; and she stretched out her hands to her daughter with a gesture that expressed penitence and implored pardon.

"Forgive me, child," she murmured. "Who am I to have judged you? I want to believe in your miracle; I want to think that you have brought him comfort and hope. I want to feel my hard heart softened—only I am so old, I have grown so old in selfishness and disbelief. Oh, Joan, have you no message for me? I need one more than he—more than any of you."

"Yes, mother," the girl said tenderly, and she bowed her head and kissed her mother's beautiful

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Black Coat and Plaid Skirt.

For the walking-skirt the irregular checks or plaids, preferably in black and white, and in the light-weight smooth surface materials, are exceedingly popular. If a smart little bolero or other short coat accompanies this walking skirt, so much the better, but if, as a coat, need not match the skirt, and may be made of black cloth or taffetas.

Dark smoke grey is a very favourite shade in the spring cloths, and so are garnet, brown, navy blue, and the large variety of mauves and violets. A great many blouses are being made of fine flannel, the favourite trimmings being braid and buttons. Linen collars are giving place to the very high inner ones of tucked muslin with outer ones of velvet or silk.

Handkerchief linen is a favourite blouse material of the moment, embroidered nine times out of ten with some delicate design in white cotton or inset with broderie Anglaise. Padded embroidery is also very smart, and narrow lace and hand embroidery united are particularly pretty, especially when they are deftly mingled.

Yellow for Evening Wear.

Yellow is coming into great prominence for evening wear. Under the glow of the electric light it looks beautiful, and there are so many shades and variations that it is becoming to both blondes and brunettes. Fair girls look charming in yellow, and so, too, do the black-haired, brown-haired, and auburn-haired girls, but each one must choose just the shade that harmonises best with her hair and complexion.

Yellow chiffon is beautiful, and the attractions of taffetas, in which pink and yellow are blended to produce an apricot tint, must not be overlooked. Shot pink and yellow taffetas is so becoming to brown-haired people generally that it transforms plainness to prettiness in many cases.

Decorative Bead Necklets.

The popularity of bead necklaces of all kinds affords the girl who likes such ornaments an opportunity of adorning her gowns in a manner that is both harmonious and artistic. Amethyst beads are worn with gowns of a purple tint; coral matches, or at least harmonises, with certain pink hues; malachite and jade with green frocks, and lapis lazuli with navy-blue ones. Turquoise matrix is the accompaniment of the turquoise blue gown, and New Zealand greenstone and bloodstone are useful for dark green.

Amber and topaz lend an exceedingly decorative touch to yellow and tan costumes, while strings of pearl and jet are the accompaniments for grey and black robes. In these days of artistic jewellery it is possible to secure a necklace that will tone per-

fectly with almost any hue in dress materials, and the moderate cost of many of these bead, pearl, and jet circlets makes it possible for the woman of average means to secure quite a collection of them.

THE PERFECT LOVER.

Not infrequently in these days a man forgets altogether what a suitor means. He overlooks the fact that a girl is to be won—not taken possession of—and that he who would win her must appear as a suppliant, instead of as a lordly superior who confers a favour.

The days are gone by when lovers courted their lady-loves on their knees. Indeed, the programme is completely reversed. There is a little too much

But the true woman, who knows she gives her lover the best he can win, has a claim to a devotion and a constancy that shall match her own.

A true woman expects the constant devotion of her lover. She does not expect him to run after other girls and to share with them after he is engaged to herself the attentions which should be hers alone. She expects courtesy and consideration from him. There is not the least reason, so far as she can see, that because he has just offered her the highest honour any man can confer on a woman—that of asking her to be his wife—he should instantly begin to treat her as if she had fallen in his affection, and should cease to show her that she is above all other women in his regard.

A girl expects the tenderest affection from her lover. She has just taken what must always be a most solemn step, even to the woman most pro-



The mushroom hat is now being sold in many varieties, among which the model sketched is the latest. For here we have a crown of soft green moss and leaves, from which hang trails of wisteria over a brim of cream straw, a pretty and becoming idea.

tendency in these days for a man to stand so upright when he is wooing a girl, that there is nothing for him to reach upwards for in the act.

It is the truest and best women who expect most from their lovers. The vain, frivolous, and selfish girl may be content to receive as little as she gives.

foundly in love. She has given herself and her future unreservedly into a man's hands, and she knows very well that she will be happy & miserable, just as he wills it. Hence she requires assurance after assurance and proof from him that he will cherish and love her to the end of his days.

A MAN IN A MILLION.

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white hands. "I want you to let me love you very much."

And they cried in each other's arms, as they had done before—before the storm broke out a second time to make havoc of their lives.

In the morning, with Joan's permission, Vanna told Lady Betty, who looked at the matter from her usual wise and commonsense point of view.

"I am very glad," she said decidedly. "It's the best thing that could have happened. It settles it, finishes it. Don't you see, the romantic surroundings, the amazing coincidence, the chapel, the flowers—all that makes for finality. The child believes they were meant to meet there, but she also believes firmly, and now religiously, that they were meant to part. Tony probably has other ideas; he is a thorough materialist; but it is Joan who counts. She is a very glad. You will see, she will become a different being now. She evidently had this on her mind. Perhaps it was foolish not to have let her see him before. And now, surely, he will go away. Yes, I am convinced it was the best thing that could have happened."

Lady Betty received a letter from Anthony Heron that morning, asking her if she would join him the greatest joy and pleasure of lunching with him on board the yacht. There was nothing else

in the letter. She could not read between the lines.

She went, and found him looking more like his old self. Almost she could have imagined herself back in the old days, when a tête-à-tête meal with Tony Heron had been one of her chief pleasures in life. They chatted on all sorts of subjects, he with something of his old verve and charm, she with her usual kindly cynicism and liberal good nature.

It was not until afterwards, when they sat on deck under the awning and drank their coffee, that she touched on the subject that was uppermost in her mind.

"Tony," she asked, "when are you going away?"

"The day after to-morrow," he said.

Lady Betty heaved a sigh of relief.

"Do you know, Lady Betty," he asked, "that I have seen her?"

She bowed her head.

"I said I would not go until I had. Lady Betty, miracles are sometimes worked nowadays."

"Ah, Tony, is any girl?" "If you could only bring yourself to believe what she believes!"

"Did you hear anything?"

"Her mother told me. Joan told her mother. I was glad."

"Glad that we met?"

"Yes, there. There is something about it that one cannot describe. Ah, Tony, don't let's talk about it any more! Let us hurry it, with our prayers that we may some day be as white of soul

as she is. You are going back to life now, are you not? You are not going to give way; you are going to be a man."

"Yes," he said, "I am going back to the world; but, Lady Betty, it is not the same thing as life."

"It is your life," she said. "You were made for it."

"Is she going to marry Billy Charteris?" he asked.

"I hope so."

"And she said that she felt that some day—somewhere—in some other world—she and I would meet again. Lady Betty, if it were only true!"

"Perhaps it is. Do as well as you can in this world, Tony. I shall be glad when I hear that you are back in harness."

"To-morrow," he said, and there came a strange look into his fine eyes, as if he were seeing things far away. "I am going back to the little chapel in the mountains—to see it once more. When she left it, the sun was setting in a blaze of glory; to-morrow the flowers will have faded, and I think it will rain."

"And the next day you are going home?"

"Yes. I am going round by sea. Tell her, Lady Betty, to be in the garden in the morning and to watch the yacht pass. We will keep close to the shore. Perhaps she will wave her hand. It is the last thing I ask."

"I will tell her," said Lady Betty. There were tears in her voice.

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Although as the end of the season draws near interest in League matches on the championship wanes considerably, this spring the final struggle for pride of place seems likely to be keener than ever in all the competitions.

Everton, Newcastle United, and Manchester City are running such a neck-and-neck race in the First League that chief interest naturally centres in their doings. Certainly, all three clubs were playing away from home, and whilst Newcastle and Everton rose to the occasion and scored brilliant victories, Manchester suffered a rude shock at Nottingham, and succumbed to the Foresters, and losing ground in the Titanic struggle.

To Everton must be accorded the honour of achieving one of the best performances of the year. Few teams go to Sunderland with much chance of winning, and when they get there they usually have to play a desperate battle. Yet, playing perfect football, they actually won the game. Sunderland, men, however, equalised, and in the space of half an hour took the lead, which they maintained up to the end. It was wonderful, brilliant football, and such a victory may have given them great hope of emerging successful from their Cup-tie with Aston Villa on Saturday.

Nearly as good a performance was accomplished by Newcastle United, who were visiting Bury. The Lancashire team are still in danger of relegation to the Second Division, and they were determined to win. They were, however, supported by the services of Simpson and their captain, George Ross. Newcastle, however, played such a fine little doubt that they would have at full strength there is little doubt that they would have succumbed.

It is interesting that these two of next Saturday's semi-finals should prove themselves in such wonderful form, especially as the Villa and Sheffield Wednesday. Both of them, however, were utterly routed by the brilliant play of the Villa team at Birmingham, and although the Sheffield Wednesday side they demolished, which hopes Small Heath had of winning the League Championship, prospects which were so rosy a week or two ago, are now very dim. Sheffield Wednesday has won them the League Championship for the last two seasons, and which the good people of Sheffield fondly believe will result being kept up this April during a resting-place in the city of Coleridge.

Nottingham Forest, whose chances of remaining in the First Division seemed so slight a few weeks back, are now holding their own against all comers. Unquestionably the best team in the league, they have won their last three games, and their victory, but it looked at one time as if that great goalkeeper, Hillman, was going to prevent them realising the fruits of their superiority.

Of the other matches most interesting, perhaps, was the meeting of Wolverhampton Wanderers and Derby County at Plumstead. Both sides being considerably better than the attack. Even the great Steve Bloomfield, whose score he usually scores, and the game ended in a pointless draw. A similar result was arrived at in the meeting of Wolverhampton Wanderers and Preston on Saturday.

Two of the clubs struggling to escape degradation, Stoke and Middlesbrough, were opposed at Ayresley. The "Potted Men" were very unlucky during the day, and at different periods no fewer than four of their men were injured and off the field. At the end of the day, however, the game was a very close one. Under the circumstances Stoke gave a fine display, and in only losing by 1 to 1 must undoubtedly be regarded as fortunate. Nottingham, who were defeated, Blackburn Rovers beating them by the only goal scored. It was, however, a poor game.

In the Second Division Liverpool, Manchester, and Bolton Wanderers all won their matches. Everything now points to the success of the Liverpool team, and Manchester will have to make a tremendous effort if they are to beat either of the other clubs in the race for promotion.

Chief interest in the Southern League was centred in the doings of Bristol Rovers, Reading, and Southampton. Curiously enough, these three teams all failed to win. As Bristol, however, drew with Fulham, they had the best of matters, although, unluckily for their chances of winning the championship, a nasty accident happened to their best player and captain, the veteran Beats. In the second half he broke a couple of ribs, and it is hardly likely to turn out again in the Rovers this season. The game was a poor one, and a pointless draw about represents the abilities of the rival teams.

Northampton put a splendid performance to their credit by drawing at one goal all with Southampton, but in losing. The Spurs were without their captain, who was beaten by 3 to 2 at Watford. This was a capital game, and it was rather curious to note that a penalty-kick was given against Herbert Smith, Reading's star, and the Spurs, as matters stand now, Bristol Rovers, who have played a game more than either Reading or Southampton, have a lead of four points.

It was a poor game at Tottenham, the only feature being a splendid display in goal by the Irishman, Brighton goalkeeper. The Spurs were without their captain, who was assisting Chelmsford in an Essex Cup-tie, but Chapman, their latest recruit, made a creditable display in the forward line. It was not until the last half that the Spurs, who were nearly always attacking, should have done better than draw at one goal each.

Millwall accomplished a splendid performance in going to Luton and winning by 2 to 1, but they were hard pressed in the first half. The game was a very close one, and the Spurs were without their captain, who was assisting Chelmsford in an Essex Cup-tie, but Chapman, their latest recruit, made a creditable display in the forward line. It was not until the last half that the Spurs, who were nearly always attacking, should have done better than draw at one goal each.

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amateur, H. P. Hardman, of Everton, in place of Booth at outside left.

Scotland beat Ireland with a fair amount of ease at Glasgow, and in the Rugby match at Richmond the Scots thoroughly deserved their eight points' victory over England. Both these matches are dealt with in another column.

It was a splendid match at Queen's Club for the Arthur Dunn Cup between the Old Boys of Charterhouse and Malvern. G. O. Smith turned the game for the Carthusians, who, what a misfortune it was for England that G. O. gave up international football so soon! The Reptonians won the other Dunn Cup, and the Carthusians against Old Johns (Leatherhead), but the Old Carthusians have an easy course for possession of the Cup again.

Ilford by beating Clapton qualified for the London Senior Cup final, in which they will meet Ealing.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

ASSOCIATION.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

THE LEAGUE—Division I.

Woolwich Arsenal (h) 0 Ireland (a) 0

Everton (h) 3 Sunderland (a) 2

Aston Villa (h) 3 Sheffield United (a) 0

(Hall, Hampton, Bache)

Nottingham (h) 2 Bury (h) (Sagar 2) 2

(Atkin, Rutherford, Apple)

Sheffield Wednesday (h) 3 Small Heath (a) 1

(Hemmingsley, Stewart, (Green)

Middlesbrough (h) 2 Stoke (h) 1

Blackburn Rovers (h) 1 North County (a) 0

(Bownan)

Nottingham (h) 2 Manchester City (a) 1

(Shearman, Lessons) (Neredlich)

Wolverhampton (h) 0 Preston North End (a) 0

Division II.

Liverpool (h) 0 Gainsborough Trinity (a) 0

Manchester United (h) 2 Burton United (h) 0

Bristol City (h) 0 Grimsby Town (a) 1

Sheffield Wednesday (h) 2 Barnsley (a) 1

Blackburn Rovers (h) 2 Leicester Fosse (a) 1

Barnsley (h) 2 Bradford City (a) 0

Glossop (h) 1 West Bromwich Albion (a) 0

Sheffield Wednesday (h) 1 Doncaster Rovers (a) 0

Burslem Port (h) 0

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Tottenham Hotspur (h) 1 Brighton and Hove Albion (a) 1

(Gilchrist)

Fulham (h) 0 Bristol Rovers (a) 0

Swindon (h) 0 Bristol City (a) 0

(Barnes)

Nottingham (h) 0 Newport (a) 0

(Wates)

Portsmouth (h) 4 Wellington (a) 0

(L. B. Leach, Cunliffe)

Millwall (h) 2 Luton (h) 0

(Barnes)

Southampton (h) 1 Northampton (a) 1

(Woods)

Watford (h) 3 Reading (a) 2

(Maltby, Brierley, (Barnes)

Plymouth (h) 2 West Ham (a) 0

(McLennan)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Glasgow Rangers (h) 3 Celtic Glasgow Athletic (a) 1

Old Thistle (a) 0

ARTHUR DUNN CUP—Semi-final Round.

Old Thistle (a) 0 Celtic Glasgow Athletic (h) 1

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LONDON SENIOR CUP.

London Colonnians (h) 3 Canals (a) 1

Crompton (h) 3 Chelsea (a) 1

Chesham (h) 3 Bays Park (a) 1

RUGBY.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

Scotland (h) 8 England (h) 10

MIDLAND COUNTRY CUP.

Stratford (h) 8 Monsey (a) 6

Leicester (h) 26 Leicester Belgrave (a) 3

Nottingham (h) 33 Aston Old Edwardians (a) 0

WATSONIAN CUP.

Watsonians (h) 6 Hawick (a) 0

Dunfermline (h) 17 Manchester (a) 0

Devonport Albion (h) 12 Redruth (a) 0

Barnsley (h) 6 Cardiff (a) 0

Gloucester (h) 23 Newport (a) 0

Birkenhead (h) 23 Liverpool (a) 0

NORTHERN UNION.

NORTHERN UNION CUP—Second Round.

Oldham (h) 14 Batley (a) 10

Warrington (h) 3 Keighley (a) 0

Hull Kingston Rovers (h) 3 Leeds (a) 0

Huddersfield (h) 3 Wakefield (a) 0

Broughton Rangers (h) 18 St. Helens (a) 5

The Leigh (h) 10 Wigan (a) 0

Widnes (h) 10 Wigan (a) 0

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

ASSOCIATION.

Park Royal: Queen's P.R. v. Tottenham H. (West. L.).

Upton Park: West Ham U. v. Millwall (Western L.).

Fulham v. Southampton (Western L.).

RUGBY.

Bristol: Bristol v. Clondorf (S. final Gloucestershire Cup).

OTHER SPORTS.

On Saturday at Sandwich a Farnley goal defeated the House of Commons by 4 points. Mr. Balfour, who played for the legislators, was beaten by Mr. Leitch by two holes.

The billiards club championship was concluded at the Argyle Hall on Saturday. Middlesex, the holders, defeated Lancashire by 515 points, and thus retain the championship.

The game of 7-ball, between the boy billiards champions, Lawrence and A. Standbrook, was concluded at the Argyle Hall on Saturday. Lawrence, who conceded Standbrook 1,500 start, won by 1,447 points.

The meeting of Cambridge University and the London Athletic Club at Fenner's Ground, Cambridge, ended a win for Cambridge by eight events to two. Several capital performances were accomplished, notably Welsh's mile in 4min. 21.5sec. which has only been surpassed at Fenner's twice—once by Lutyns and once by Gregson.

In the cricket match between the Australians and New Zealand at Wellington on Saturday the Australians, with their score at 383 for nine wickets, were defeated by the Kiwis. Combined New Zealanders in their second innings were all out for 141, and the visitors thus won by an innings and 238 runs. Scores: Australians, 393 for nine wickets; New Zealand, 194 and 141—Reuter's Special Service.

SCOTLAND'S TWO FOOTBALL VICTORIES.

Tame Match at Richmond Between Moderate Teams—Scots Retain the Calcutta Cup.

ENGLISH FORWARDS BADLY BEATEN

In the course of a tolerably long experience I have seen a good many Rugby internationals, but never one that was so unproductive of good play and so lacking in life and incident as that at Richmond on Saturday.

It was a dull, uninteresting encounter, mainly notable for the many mistakes that were made, and, it was a fitting conclusion to the international competition, being a struggle between two moderate teams. Incidentally it may be observed that a worse team has never before represented England.

Scotland deserved their success, and they retain possession of the Calcutta Cup, England's privilege of being at the bottom position—thanks to an intelligent selection committee—has been well earned.

For their victory the Scotsmen were almost entirely indebted to their forwards, who played a thoroughly sound game, particularly in the second half, when it was obvious that the English forwards were weak defence, and it was also clear that the English back were all sixes and sevens.

With a little more precision in the work of their backs, Scotland should have scored in the first half, and the Englishmen had reason to regard themselves as fortunate in spending the interval without any score being recorded against them. The play up to that point had mainly been in the English half.

As far as England was concerned, all the damage was done within ten minutes after half-time. A hurried attack, a scramble near the line, and a weak defence, and Scotland had gained their first try. There was a little element of luck in that score.

The second try, from which the goal was kicked, was a much more meritorious affair. After some excellent passing between the backs the ball reached Ritchie on the left. He could not get through, but he did equally well by passing inside. After going through several hands the ball was transferred to the left, and Stronach, the speediest of the forwards, finished a fine movement by scoring.

IRELAND BEATEN AT GLASGOW

Scottish "Soccer" Forwards Too Good for the Irish Defence.

At Celtic Park, Glasgow, on Saturday the twenty-second annual match between Association teams representing Ireland and Scotland ended in a victory for Scotland by 4 goals to 0. The success was thoroughly well deserved, the Scottish team playing football from start to finish and always having the best of the exchanges.

Fortunately, the weather was delightful, and if a trifle soft the ground was in fair order. The match aroused plenty of interest, the crowd being estimated at 40,000.

Ireland won the toss and Scotland kicked off, the early play going in favour of the home side. The Irish backs, however, tackled soundly and cleared well. In a desperate scramble near the Irish goal, but he did equally well by passing inside. After going through several hands the ball was transferred to the left, and Stronach, the speediest of the forwards, finished a fine movement by scoring.

Among the forwards Walker was always prominent. He centred a magnificent ball, and the Irish half-backs were considerably bustered, but Connor, in the centre, played a very clever game, and on one occasion saved his side. As the game proceeded the Scottish forwards combined admirably, Quinn, at centre, being seen to advance in a number of clever passes out to his wing men. The Irishmen did not often get away, but Kirwan and O'Hagan gave trouble occasionally, and were by far the most effective wing of their side.

Walker obtained Scotland's second goal with a shot that went hard and low, but only half stopped it, and it just rolled over the line about a foot. Thus the interval arrived with Scotland still leading by 2 goals to none.

In the second half Scotland again showed up prominently, Walker leading the attack time after time. Now and then Kirwan ran down on the left for a try, but generally speaking the game was very one-sided. At length Wilson, after an ineffective attempt, scored a third goal for Scotland with a splendid shot.

Scotland's fourth goal was the outcome of another penalty, given away by McCracken who was identified by a huddled passing ball. This proved the final blow to any prospect Ireland had of averting a severe defeat. Thomson took the kick and scored.

RUGBY RULES ALTERED.

In connection with the International Board meeting, held on Friday night in London, the following statement was officially issued on Saturday—By-laws of the International Board was altered to read as follows:—

"In a case of disputes about international matches or connected with international matches between two countries, a committee of the board, consisting of two representatives appointed by each union, shall be empowered to exercise exclusive jurisdiction. The board shall have no power to interfere with the game as played within the limits of the two unions.

Mode of scoring was altered by reducing the value of the mark goal to three points and abolishing the field goal. The alterations and the rules proposed by the International Board were adopted by the International Board.

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NORTHERN UNION CUP.

Keighley Create a Surprise at Warrington—Oldham Beat Batley.

Quite a surprise of Saturday's Northern Union Cup-ties was the failure of Warrington on their own ground to account for Keighley. True, the Second Division club have been doing well lately, but the people outside Keighley imagined them capable of pushing last year's runners-up to a draw.

Thus, for the moment, Lancashire can boast only two certainties for the third round—Oldham and Broughton Rangers. Warrington will know their fate on Tuesday, for on Friday the replay with Keighley will have been arranged. On Wednesday Leigh and Wigan replay their first round tie, the winner to meet Halifax next Saturday. That Leigh should be caught in the Welsh game again because of some ridiculously trivial offence against the working clause has drawn attention to that absurd and irritating phase of Northern Union football, and one would not be surprised if the whole thing were legislated out of existence. Leigh are entitled to sympathy, the second round, which had no idea until Friday, the eve of the replay, that Wigan contemplated what savours of an unportsmanlike action.

Regarding the Warrington-Keighley match, it is the fact that the "First Leaguers" were fortunate to escape defeat, for Keighley's budding tactics often placed them in jeopardy. Then, again, Fish, the most accomplished three-quarter taking part, was persistently neglected. Myers, the Keighley captain, showed fine leadership.

The double-barrelled duel between the cities of Leeds and Hull ended with honours easy, for white Hunslet defeated Hull rather lightly. Kingston Rovers triumphed over Leeds.

The Bradford and Swinton tie produced a capital game, but Bradford undoubtedly deserved to win, their back play—especially that of Surman—being superior. Dixon and Gunn, the respective forwards, gave ideal displays.

RACING AT KEMPTON PARK.

Splendid Weather and Bright Sport— Epsom Stables Successful.

Sunshine all the time and an agreeable temperature becoming to a day in general. The spirit of the day was the enjoyment of the general to Kempton Park Steeplechases. The number of visitors—probably because of the wretched experience of the last race—was enormous. Last up to the average shown at this popular rendezvous.

There was plenty of life in the sport from start to finish, and a good number of the spectators were greatly pleased with the success of Epsom stables. Mr. T. Sherwood sent the innings well with Peniarth in the Ashford Hurdle, and Mr. Nightingale, in the College Queen, Sabot, and Queen's Scholar in their respective races.

It was one of the most profitable days known to Epsom since last season. College Queen won the principal prize, the Spring Handicap Steeplechase. Ridden by the veteran, Arthur Nightingale, she lost no advantages possible, and gained any point in the contest, and some good judges held the opinion that the mare was lucky to win from Shaun Duff. The latter came with a rush approaching the last fence, but the form was very dangerous. I reckon, however, that College Queen scored with something in reserve.

Glenly was travelling very well—what time College Queen was waiting on the leaders—when he blundered about five furlongs from home. Dunn, his jockey, was shot out to the horse, and only slipped off some thirty yards farther on. Seahorse II, much talked about as a Grand National candidate, did badly. He was much below par, and ultimately he finished a hundred yards behind the winner, Shaun Duff, earlier in the week had another unprofitable second. The last race, the Littlewick next to last, was a very close one. White Webbs came a bad cropper. Le Bizion jumped wretchedly, but his speed got him home in the Wolsey Hurdle.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

BIRMINGHAM.

2.0—Lichfield Steeplechase—BLUE CRESCENT.

2.0—Liverpool Trial—LITTLE RANUNCULUS.

3.0—Branston Hurdle—LITTLE FITZ.

4.30—Barton Hurdle—SPINNING MILDOW.

4.45—Castle Steeplechase—LITTLE RANUNCULUS.

4.50—Graham Steeplechase—FLOR DE CUBA.

FOLKESTONE.

1.30—Sandgate Hurdle—PROUD BEAUTY.

2.30—Hythe Steeplechase—CLANDON HAD.

4.0—Military Hunter Steeplechase—WITNEY.

3.30—Novices Hurdle—TASSO.

SPECIAL SELECTION.

FLOR DE CUBA.

GREY FRIARS.

WINNERS AND PRICES AT KEMPTON PARK.

Race. Winner. Jockey. Price.

Ashford (h) 2.0 Peniarth (a) 1.0 L. Sherwood 10 to 11

Portlaine (h) 3.0 Funchal (a) 1.0 Newry 7 to 2

Surridge (h) 4.0 College Queen (a) 1.0 A. Nightingale 10 to 11

Seahorse II (h) 3.0 Sabot (a) 1.0 A. Nightingale 10 to 11

Wolsey (h) 4.0 Le Bizion (a) 1.0 T. Pitt 2 to 1

Seaworth (h) 4.0 Shaun Duff (a) 1.0 D. J. 10 to 11

The figures in parentheses indicate the number of starters.

The above are "Sporting Life" prices. "Sportman" prices 3 to 1 against Queen's Scholar.

SHRUBB AND DUFFEY IN NEW ZEALAND.

CHRISTCHURCH, Saturday.—At the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Championship meeting to-day A. Duffey, America, won the mile race with fine weather on the occasion of their last appearance before going to Putney. Some very useful work was got through, the biggest item being a four-mile row at racing pace in the afternoon.

The Oxford crew put in a good day with Healey on Saturday. They came to Putney to-day to finish their practice.

At Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday the Cambridge crew were favoured with fine weather on the occasion of their last appearance before going to Putney. Some very useful work was got through, the biggest item being a four-mile row at racing pace in the afternoon.

THE CITY.

Rally on the Markets—New Brighton
Issue—Americans Erratic—
Foreigners Unsatisfactory.

CAPEL COURT, Saturday.—Those who looked for some recovery in the stock markets to-day were quite justified. The opening of the markets was flat, and all sorts of fears were expressed, but it soon became evident that the reaction had been more healthy, that a lot of the weaklings had been frightened out, and that fresh buyers were ready to seize an opportunity of obtaining cheap stocks. Consequently there was a respectable rally at the close. Consols had been 91½, and they closed 91½.

Home Ralls were very quiet and almost featureless, and a little dull for choice. But there was nothing the matter with the market, and although foreign traffic is expected next week, owing to the bad weather this week, that little matter will be disregarded. The feature, of course, was the appearance of the new Brighton capital issue—half a million each of Undivided Ordinary and Five per Cent. Second Preference, allotted pro rata to proprietors at 120 and 130 respectively. The market quoted the stock 14 and 9 premium respectively, and marked Brighton "A" 11 points ex-rights.

Exaggerated Paris Rumour.

Americans were a wild, erratic market at the outset. The heavy selling in New York yesterday seemed to disconcert the dealers, but there was a disposition on the part of influential buyers to seize the opportunity of acquiring cheap stocks, and the rally was very decided in several cases, notably in Unions. The close was quite firm in spite of the expectation of a bad Bank statement. It was a good point for the market to find that yesterday's fears about the failure of a so-called bank in Paris were quite exaggerated.

After a flat opening Canadian Pacific rallied with Americans, and were helped by a good traffic increase of 130,000. Grand Trunk followed the lead of Americans. But Foreign Ralls as a whole were rather dull.

Kaffir Market Depressed.

Perhaps the Foreign market was as unsatisfactory as any. This was because of the house and shares and the Russian loan fears. Quite possibly these little difficulties will soon be got over. But, except for a rally in Peruvians, which were affected by the so-called bank difficulty yesterday, there was a general marking down of quotations. Russians fell below 87, and Central Americans were weak.

Hudson's Bays were not so good, but there was buying of Dock stocks, and a good recovery in Pekin Syndicates, after a weak opening.

Kaffirs were a heavy, depressed market all round, closing a little better in the Rhodesian section. No notice was taken of the rumour that the Kaffir finance houses are to arrange not to make many, if any, new mining issues this year. Westrahms slipped back, though there was a little buying of Great Fingalls and Horsehoes. Egyptians were a finish market.

TO-DAY'S RACING PROGRAMME.

BIRMINGHAM.

2.0—LICHFIELD HANDICAP STEEPCHASE PLATE

of 70 sovs.			Two miles.		
	ysr	at lb		ysr	at lb
Crautacuan	5	12 7	Valencia	5	11 0
Clarkson	5	12 7	Blue Crescent	5	11 10
Mintstark	5	12 4	Scottish Archer	6	11 7
Tatius	6	12 3	Little Teddy	5	11 7
Miss Doods	5	12 3	Orsay	5	11 5
Caerleon	5	12 0	Murlingden	6	11 5
Bushford Lass	5	11 13	Princess Royal H.	6	11 2
Winkfield's Dover	5	11 11	Little Snip	5	10 11

2.30—LIVERPOOL TRIAL HANDICAP STEEPCHASE

CHASE PLATE of 80 sovs. Three miles.			CHASE PLATE of 80 sovs. Three miles.		
	Yrs	st lb		Yrs	st lb
The Farmer.....	a	12 7	Bellarmine	a	10 8
Rennunculus.....	a	12 5	Seriel II.....	a	10 7
Bobbie.....	a	12 0	Carthage II.....	6	10 3
Johnstown Lass.....	a	11 2	Karrwood.....	6	10 2
Noble Lad.....	6	11 2	Pizarro.....	a	10 0
Crautacuan.....	a	10 12	Killerby.....	6	10 0

3.0—BRANSTON SELLING HURDLE RACE of 70

sovs. winner to be sold for 80 sovs.			Two miles.		
	yr	rs	lb		yr
aWolfgang	6	11	12	aWoman in Red	6
aLittle Fitz	5	11	12	aArandra	5
aQuassia	5	11	12	aCapital Maid	5
aMarmalade	6	11	12	aChronos	4
aLittle Tom	6	11	12	aWild Aster	4
aMinor Daly	5	11	12		10

3.30—BURTON HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150

	sovs.	Two miles.		
St. Hubert	5	12	White Webb	5 10 12
Spanning Minnow	5	11	Plum Pecker	5 10 11
Popple II	5	11	Royal	5 10 11
Idio	5	11	Coruna	5 10 9
Fits and Starts	5	11	Ravenhill	5 10 9
St. Eyremond	5	11	Arrow II	5 10 7
Glouious	5	11	Thursday II	5 10 7
Uacertainty	5	11	1st aVernon	5 10 6
Royale	5	11	Trevelyan	5 10 3
Black Mark	5	11	Royal Child	5 10 2
Westralia	5	11	Lely	5 10 0
Wild Wilkie	5	11	Grif	5 10 0
Lady Ceres	5	11	Kays	5 10 0
Hunt Park	5	10	Despised	5 10 0
Encombe	5	10	Mistaken	5 10 0
Cermas	5	10	Cockatrice	5 10 0
Ratti	5	10		

3.55—CASTLE SELLING STEEPCHASE PLATE of 70

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of 70 sovs.		Two miles.					
yrs	st	lb	yrs	st	lb		
aTyningbame	4	14	3	aDermot Ashore...	5	11	12
aMagic Box	4	11	12	aBlack Gean	5	11	5
aObservatory	4	11	12				

4.30—GRAHAM STEEPLECHASE PLATE of 70 sovs.

4.20—GRAHAM STEEPCHASE PLATE of 70 sovs.

Theodocion	.....	5	13	1	Margaret	.....	5	11	6
Ruy Lopez	.....	5	12	8	The Abbot	.....	5	11	6
Marmalade	.....	5	12	8	Despised	.....	5	11	6
Village Beau	.....	5	11	10	Wild Astor	.....	4	10	10
St. Alexis	.....	5	11	10	Marcus Jay	.....	4	10	6
Kinbrace	.....	5	11	10	Red Cloth	.....	4	10	6
Flor di Cuba	.....	5	11	10	Bank Rate	.....	4	10	6

ORDER OF RUNNING AT FOLKESTONE.

Single Selling Hurdle Race	1.20
Western Handicap Hurdle Race	2.0
Ryde Selling Steepchase	2.30
Military Hunter Steepchase	2.30
Novices Hurdle Race	3.30
Children Steepchase	4.0

TRIALS AT NEWMARKET.

Brewer, in the presence of Mr. Henning, stripped Audria and Best Light and sent them racing pace gallop at a mile on the Lincolnshire trial ground. Audria was easily the better horse, and won by a length. The other horses finished as above. Won by half a length, a bad third. Day, in the presence of Mr. Henning, sent New Crown (W. Griggs), Avington Pet, Dorothy, and Vernon fly half a mile. The horses finished as placed. Won by a length, a bad third.

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